

Travel by Ramp Van

Dr. Mackenzie's Travel Tips

In his lifetime, Dr. Chip Mackenzie did a great deal of traveling using a power chair in a ramp-equipped van..

Some of the things he learned:

1. Be careful when making reservations. It is best to make your reservation directly with the hotel to ensure you get the handicapped accessible room with roll-in shower. There are new federal laws to ensure you get the handicapped room if you are going to a convention.
2. Be prepared for van problems. I always carry my manual wheelchair in case the van breaks down and it is necessary to be transported to your hotel by taxi.
3. Always secure the power chair. I found that a seat belt around the power chair was an easy way to secure it.
4. Remember that travel is tiring. On a trip to Chicago, I tried to stand after a 5 hr trip and did not have the strength to stand. Two hotel employees helped me to my chair.