


### RERC on Wheelchair Transportation Safety



The website:  
<http://www.rercwts.pitt.edu>

- Offers comprehensive information about the RERC's
  - Research tasks & projects,
  - Consumer resources
  - Educational resources
- In constant development: information on WC-19 transit wheelchairs.

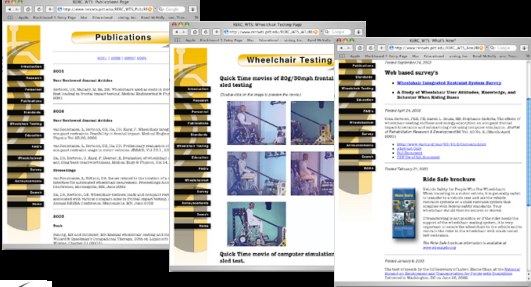
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## Information Resources

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## Website Documents




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## Website Documents

- Links to research articles and summaries
- Up-to-date bibliographies
- Web movies of wheelchair crashes
- Printable resources for dissemination by conventional means.
  - *Ride Safe Brochure*

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## WC-19 Compliant Wheelchairs



- Public awareness campaign for targeted audiences
  - Get the facts about transit safe wheelchairs
  - Find out which wheelchairs comply
  - Work to create systems change.

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## Other Resource on the site

- Smart pages for downloading, printing and distributing
- Advocacy resources
- User-friendly guideline documents
- Templates for letters to funders and manufacturers to increase demand for WC-19 wheelchairs
- Products

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**www.wheelchairstandards.pitt.edu**



- Keeps interested parties up with the standards development process
  - WC-19
  - Seating components
  - Wheelchair casters
- Contains
  - Minutes,
  - Reference documents,
  - Draft standards
  - Links to standards group

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**www.WheelchairNet.org**



- #1 in Google search: *Wheelchair*
- In 2004, had over 1.5 million unique visitors
- Updated, comprehensive website with information on all aspects of wheelchair technology
- Connects with multiple audiences:
  - End user and families
  - Prescribers: RTS & clinicians
  - Students
  - Researchers
  - Payers

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**Project Action**



- National info resource sponsored by Easter Seals
- Resources, planning and technical assistance for improvement of community transportation for persons w. disability
  - Consumers
  - Trainers
  - Transporters

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**Visit the SHRS Website**



- Learn about the Rehabilitation Science & Technology graduate program
  - MS and PhD
- Continuing education opportunities
- Use our web resources

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**More Information**

- Electronic resources
  - www.RERCWTS.pitt.edu
  - www.wheelchairnet.org
- Wheelchair Securement and Occupant Restraint training:
  - Q'straint
  - Kinedyne Corporation/Sure-Lok
  - Creative Controls
  - Ortho safe systems, Inc.
  - Gresham Driving Aids, Inc.
  - Tie tech, Inc.



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