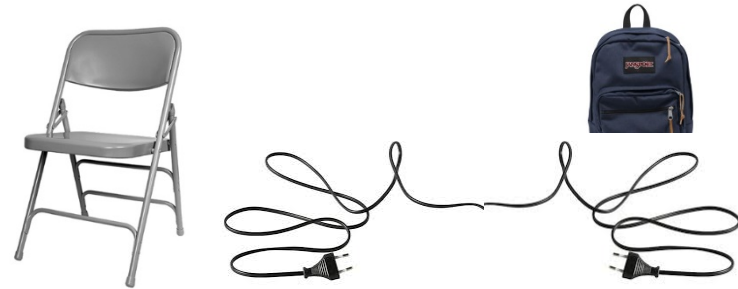


Wheelchair Obstacle Course

Materials: Wheelchair
Electrical cord
Tables
Chairs
Clothes
Backpack



Purpose: The purpose is to simulate the difficulties that persons in mobility chairs might encounter during the course of a day. These difficulties may be objects that may have been placed there unthinkingly by individuals like you and me.

Activity: Set up some experiences using your own imagination and the features of the room that you are in. These experiences would allow someone to use the wheelchair by:

- Wheeling across an electrical cord
- Drinking from a water fountain
- Maneuvering to a blank spot at the center of a table
- Getting around a chair that someone left out
- Getting between tables placed too close together
- Getting around clothes or a backpack left on the floor
- Passing through a door or other tight space

Discussion: 1. How did you feel when maneuvering the wheel chair around the various obstacles?
2. What was the most challenging activity with the wheel chair and why?



