

**MANUAL WHEELCHAIR SAFETY?ADVERSE REPORTS TO THE FDA**  
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The goal of this study was to review the nature and cause of adverse events associated with Mechanical Wheelchairs reported in the US Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Manufacturer and User Device Experience (MAUDE) database between the years of 1994 and 2009.