



Ideas to Share



Wheelchair Seatbelt Adaptation



A child's grandmother created a "sleeve" to fit over the child's wheelchair seat belt, making it safe and harder to undo.

Materials

- One piece of soft flannel material 36" long and 7" wide
- Thread to match material
- Straight pins
- Sewing machine or needle

Directions

· Lay material on flat surface with back side facing up.

Using straight pins, pin edges together lengthwise along material.

Using sewing machine or needle, stitch along line lengthwise.

Turn material right side out and slip onto one end of wheelchair seatbelt.

Fasten belt and slide material over fastener. Scrunch the material up to make it harder to access the button on the belt.

Just push material to one side when it is time to unfasten the belt. The soft material will protect the user from scratches and discomfort.

Using flannel makes easily washable. It's so inexpensive to make a user can have several different colors, to coordinate with his/her clothing.

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