



Swing & Location Considerations for *WhisperGLIDE*® Swings

Wheelchair-accessible model

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This guide reviews swing selection considerations and requirements for an adequate site for your swing(s). Different aspects to consider in order to make the best swinging experience, aspects are accessibility, visibility, and environment. The site requirement dimensions contained here are recommendations for optimal swing use, and safe entry and exit. **QUESTIONS? Please call us to discuss your specific situation and space options. 1-800-944-7737**



Number & Type of Swings To Be Purchased

- The Wheelchair Accessible swing is designed to provide optimum therapeutic and social recreation for both ambulatory and wheelchair-use residents. It is reported by staff of facilities with more than one swing that when one swing is being used, there is a “ripple effect”: a second swing very soon is also in action!
- Resident demographics, space issues or facility design, and financial considerations determine the number of swings ideal for your facility.



Wheelchair accessible swing

Accessibility

Look for a location which will maximize the opportunities for the greatest number of residents. This will have a considerable impact on the use of your *WhisperGLIDE* swing(s).

- A visible location will help generate interest from residents, volunteers, and visitors. Consider a location that is near “high traffic” areas of your facility.
- If you are placing your swing outdoors, a location that is near an easy-access door may facilitate the desire to use the swing.

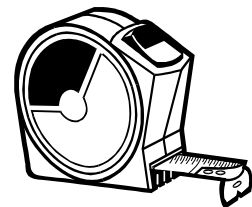
Attractive Location

Sensory perception of flowers, fountains, trees, and gardens enhance the overall enjoyment of the *WhisperGLIDE* for residents, families, volunteers and staff.

Space Requirements

When not in use, all models use a space approximately 7' wide, 8' long, and 7' 4" high. Additional space is needed for two primary reasons.

- To ensure adequate space to safely enter and exit from a flat surface (after transferring from a walker) and space to enter the wheelchair models near the wheelchair ramp.
- To ensure adequate space for movement around the swing refer to the following figures (drawings) to determine space options.



Wheelchair Accessible Swing

- *Figures 1a & 1b –Reference of swing overall dimensions
- *Figure 2 –Maximum space- ample access on sides
- *Figure 3 –Maximum space- adjacent to sidewalk, ample access on sides
- *Figure 4 –Optional space- adjacent to sidewalk, reduced access on sides
- *Figure 5 –Optional space- perpendicular to sidewalk, ample access on sides

Surface Requirements

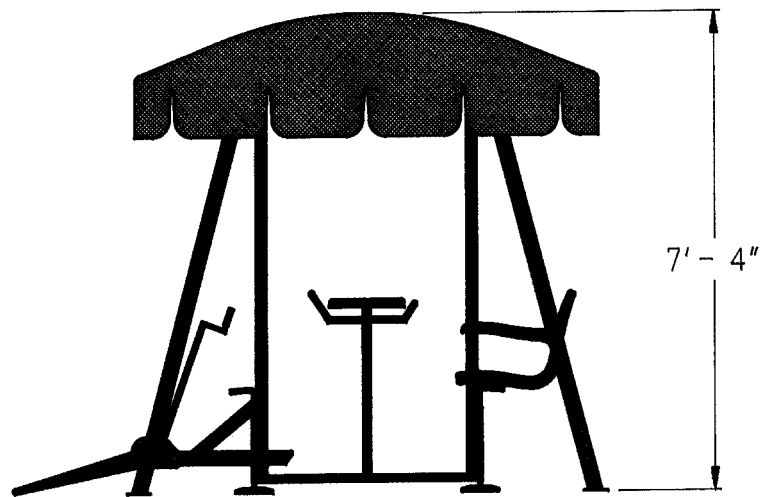
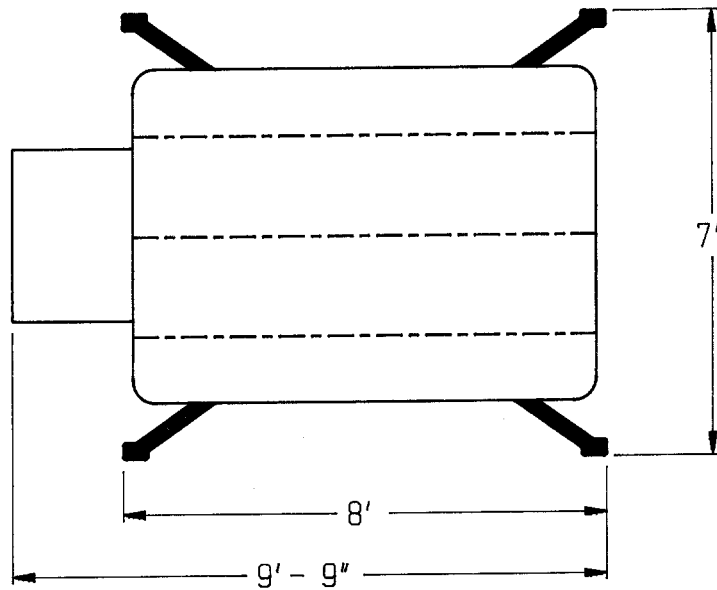
The surface should be made of cement (concrete), brick, patio blocks or wood. It must be hard for anchoring the swing legs and lock-up receptacles (via hardened cement screws included with the swing). Check your local building codes regarding aspects such as thickness of the cement, subsurface underlayment (such as gravel, sand, limestone), etc.

The surface must be level. This ensures proper, smooth swinging action. Placing the swing on a surface that is not level may cause structural damage to your swing and will void your warranty.

Indoor Placement Requirements

Space requirements for indoors are the same as outdoors. Other points to consider:

- Ensure you have proper distance from any sprinklers (check with fire marshal, if necessary).
- If desired you can move the swing at a later date. You will see some *small holes*, where the swing legs and lock-up receptacles were anchored. Fill in these holes.



Figures 1a & 1b- Wheelchair-accessible Swing

Reference of overall dimensions

This figure shows the wheelchair ramp in a lowered position. Except during entry and exit, the ramp should always remain in the raised position.

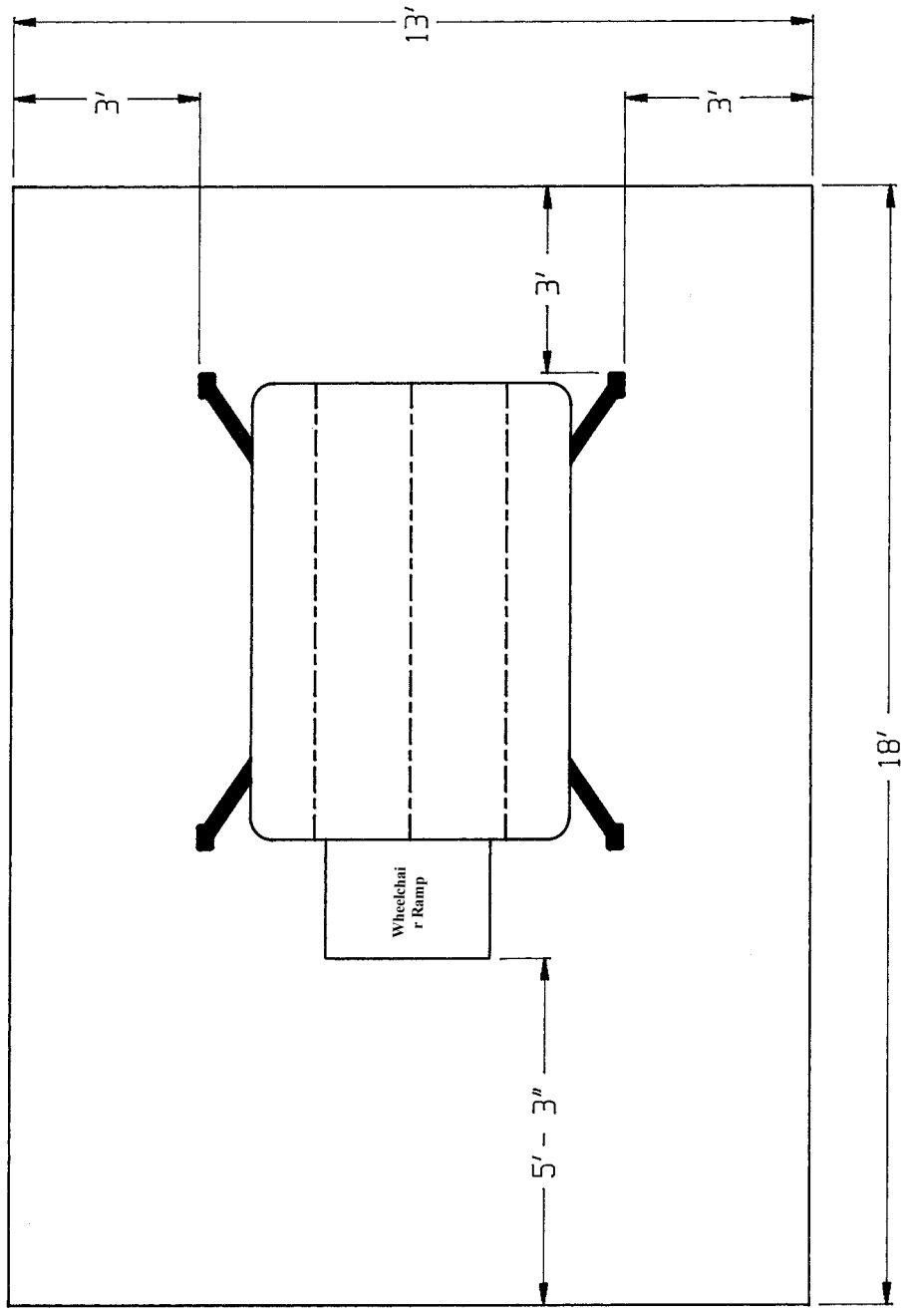


Figure 2- Wheelchair Accessible Swing
Maximum space- ample access on sides
Pad size 13' x 18'

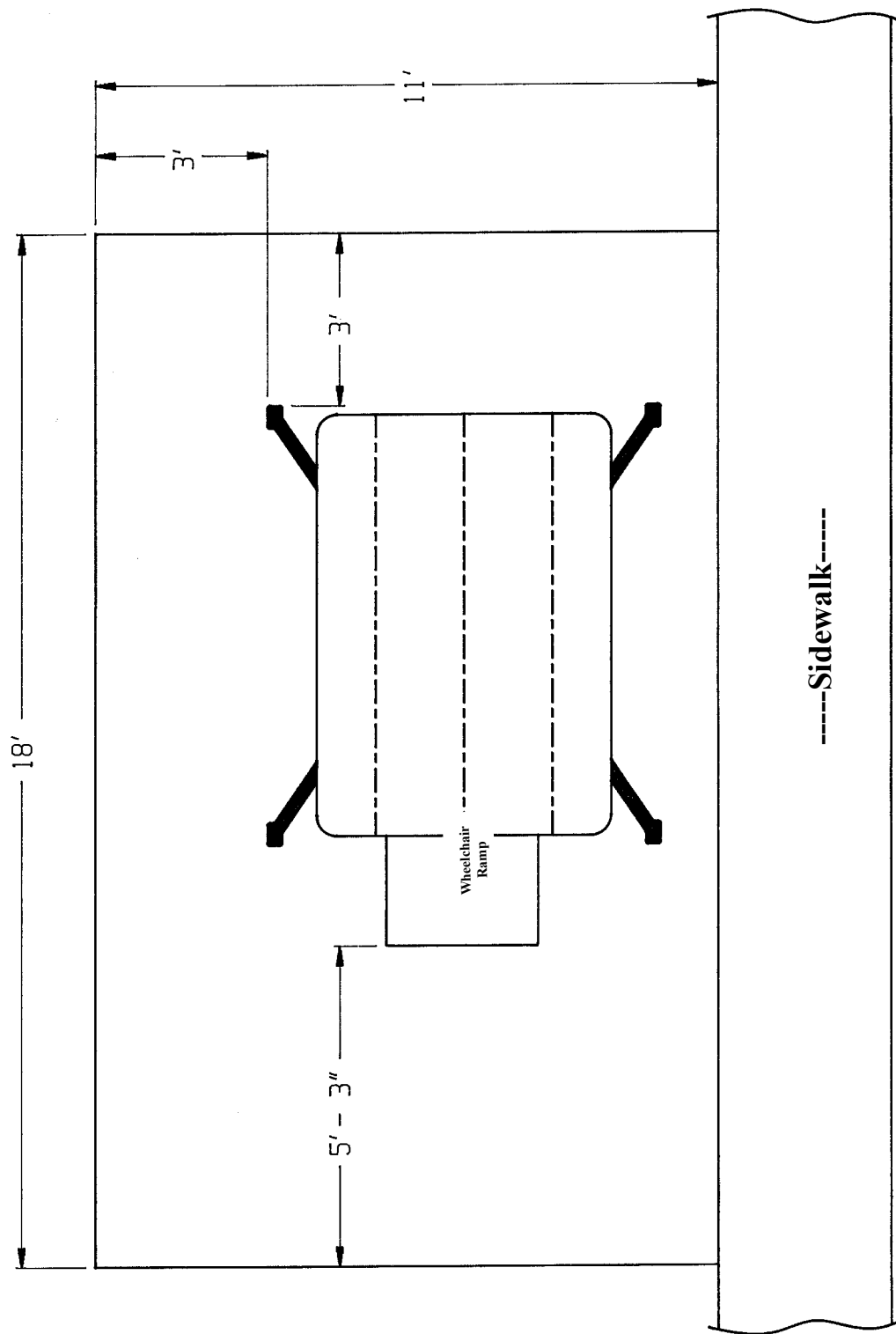


Figure 3- Wheelchair Accessible Swing
Maximum space- adjacent to sidewalk, ample access on sides
Pad size 11' x 18'

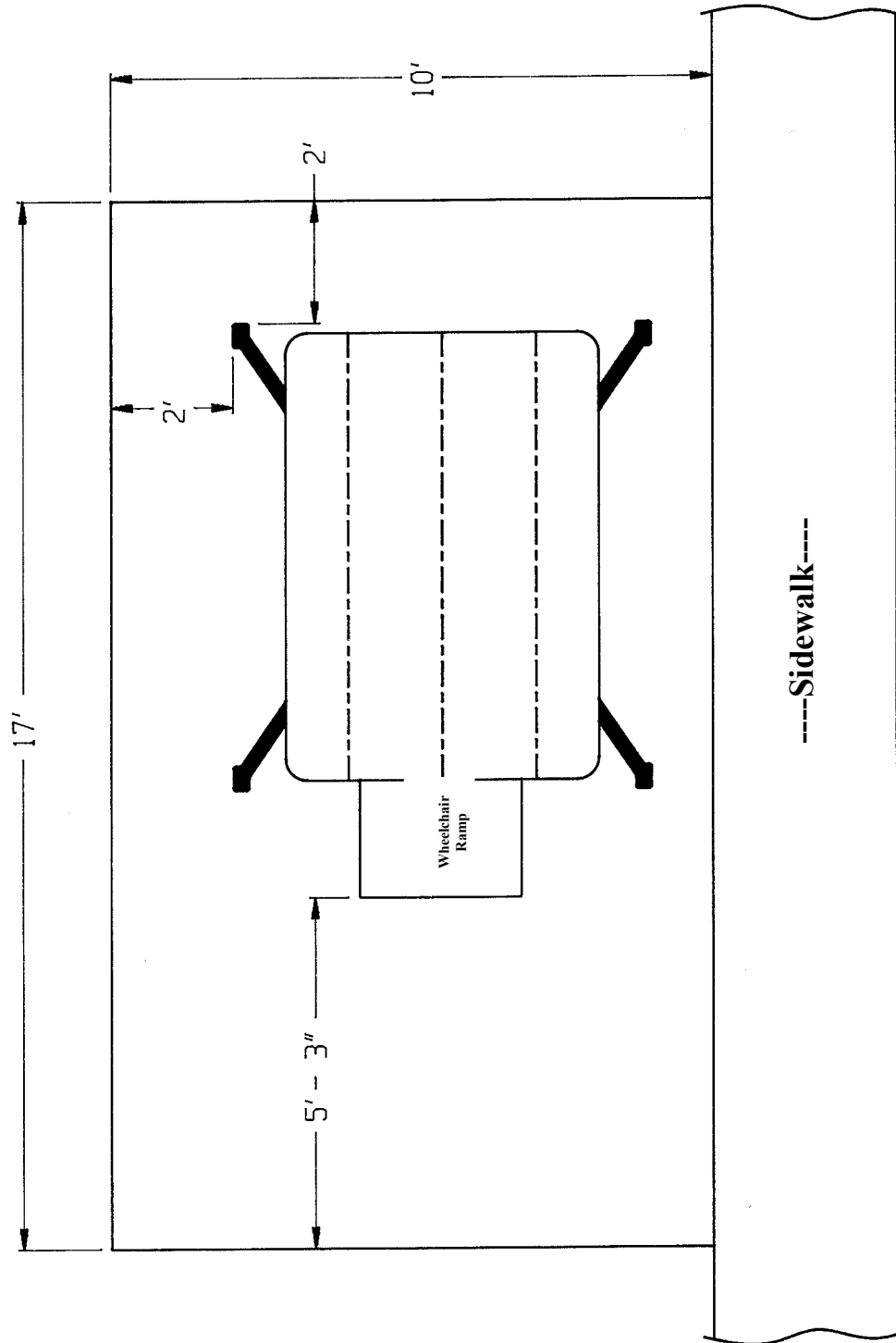


Figure 4- Wheelchair Accessible Swing
Optional space- adjacent to sidewalk, reduced access on sides
Pad size 10' x 17'

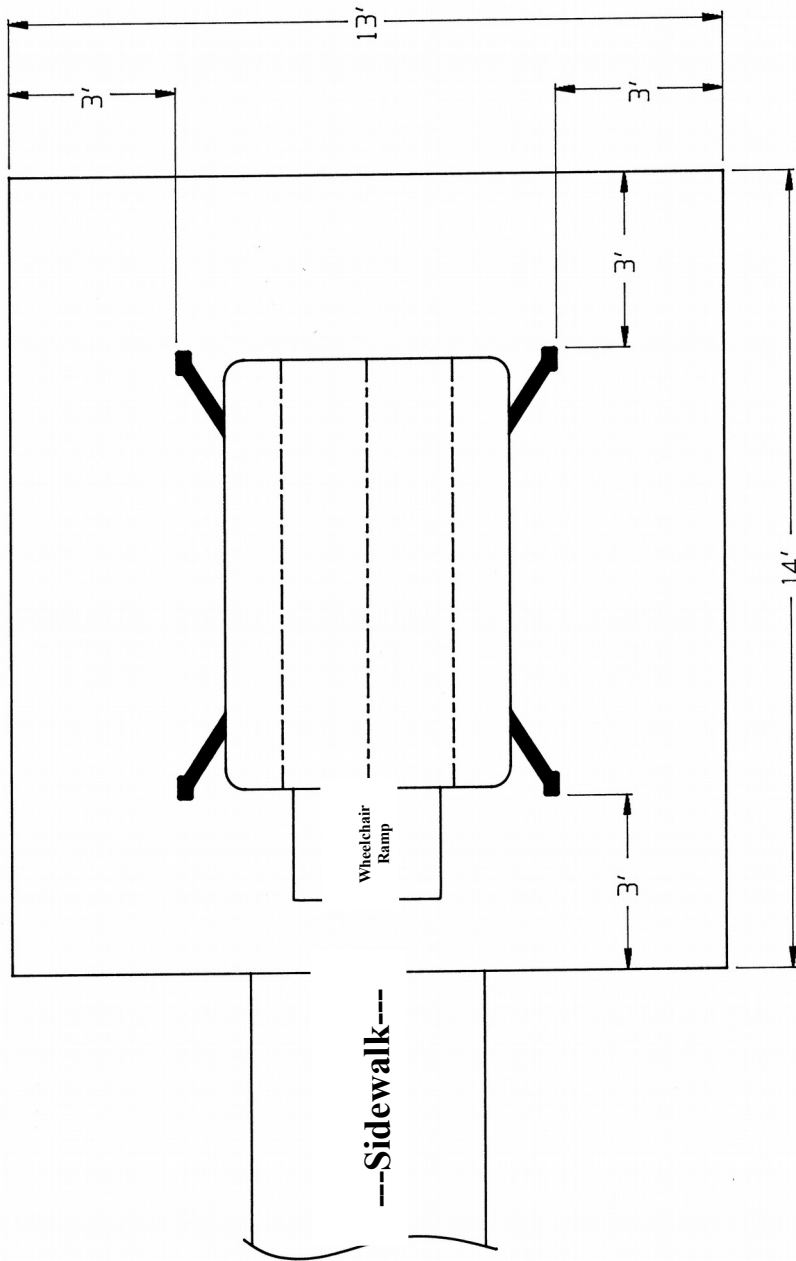


Figure 5- Wheelchair Accessible Swing
Optional space- perpendicular to sidewalk, ample access on sides
Pad size 13' x 14'

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