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ALL-TERRAIN BUGGIES

Most of the special needs all-terrain buggies have 3 wheels and can be purchased with a range of accessories and adaptations. They usually have a stronger build than a conventional buggy and are designed to be used on a variety of terrains. This means the buggy user can be included in more family activities and days out. The buggies can be brought in various sizes, including adult versions.



There are a few things to consider if you are thinking about getting an all-terrain buggy.

- A buggy with 3 wheels will be more maneuverable but this may affect its stability.
- The all-terrain buggies are designed to be pushed by the carer, the user will not be able to self-propel.
- Although many all-terrain buggies may have different seating options, those available for wheelchairs may provide more support and a better seating position for the user. You would need to consider this before choosing your buggy.
- Think about what accessories you are likely to need with your buggy and get them at the same time. This is especially true of rain covers and sunshades, these are usually specific to your model of buggy and it is hard to get others that will fit. If you are thinking of applying for funding for the buggy, see if you can include the important accessories, such as a protective rain cover, as well.
- The all-terrain buggies as a rule will fold down so that they can be transported but please check this with the supplier. Look into how much room they take up when folded down and if it will fit in your vehicle. Also see how easy they are to collapse down.

In view of this we suggest that the advice of an occupational therapist, physiotherapist or health professional is sought when you are looking at buggies. They will be able to advise on the best seating and head posture for your child to ensure they are comfortable sitting in the buggy.

For more information please contact us.



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