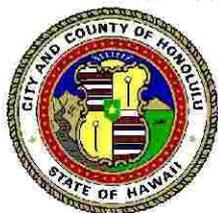


# The Handi-Van Rider's Guide



Department of Transportation Services  
City and County of Honolulu



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word document  
file),  
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# TheHandi-Van Phone Numbers

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## **New Reservations or Reservation Changes**

*(Daily, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)*

## **Cancellations**

*(Daily, 24 hours)*

## **Late Van Inquiries**

*(Daily, 4:00 a.m. – 12:00 midnight)*

## **Lost & Found**

*(Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)*

**456-5555 (voice) • 454-5045 (TTY)**

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## **Fare Coupon Purchases**

TheBus Pass Office

*(Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)*

**848-4444 (voice) • 848-4500 (TTY)**

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## **Client Information Changes**

TheHandi-Van Eligibility Center\*

*(Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)*

**538-0033**

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## **Customer Service Comments**

Oahu Transit Services, Inc.

*(Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)*

**456-5555 (voice) • 454-5045 (TTY)**

Department of Transportation Services

*(Monday – Friday, 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)*

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\* To notify TheHandi-Van of address, phone number, mobility aid or other information changes

This Rider's Guide is intended to provide eligible riders, caregivers and agencies with a handy reference to using TheHandi-Van.

The Rider's Guide does not replace City, State, and Federal laws and regulations that govern operations of TheHandi-Van.

If you wish to obtain a copy of the City Ordinance Section 13 Article 4 – Special Transit (Paratransit) Service, please contact:

Department of Transportation Services  
City and County of Honolulu  
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## Quick Reference

Quick Reference briefly describes how to ride TheHandi-Van. Each step references a specific page for more information about that section. See *Page 1* for important phone numbers.

### **Registration**

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This Rider's Guide was mailed to you with a letter stating that you have been determined to be paratransit eligible. Please use the Guide as a handy reference for using TheHandi-Van service.

### **Fares**

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The cost for a trip on TheHandi-Van is \$2.00 for each boarding (excluding required transfers).

## Hours of Operation and Service Area

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TheHandi-Van service is available in most areas Mondays through Sundays, from about 4:00 a.m. through 1:00 a.m., and 24 hours a day in areas located within three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of a mile of TheBus Routes 2 and 40.

## Making a Reservation

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Call **456-5555 (voice)** or **454-5045 (TTY)** from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily to schedule a trip. Reservations are accepted from one (1) day in advance and up to two (2) days in advance.

## Getting Ready for Your Pickup



*"TheHandi-Van is not an emergency or taxi service."*

TheHandi-Van is an origin-to-destination shared ride program. Please choose pickup points that are in accessible areas, generally curbside and adjacent to public streets and roadways, unless additional assistance beyond the curb has been previously arranged with TheHandi-Van.

You must make your own arrangements if you need personal assistance to get to and from your pickup point.



## Remember...

*TheHandi-Van is not an emergency or taxi service. You will be sharing a ride with other TheHandi-Van passengers.*

**THEHANDI-VAN OFFERS SERVICE BEYOND THE CURB WHEN NEEDED (ORIGIN-TO-DESTINATION, OR ENHANCED SERVICE).**

It provides standard curb-to-curb service as well as additional assistance door-to-door to riders who, due to their disabilities and (upon advanced notice at the time of trip reservation), need assistance beyond the curb. Door-to-door service means Operators will provide assistance to and from the vehicle and the door of the establishment if needed by the rider; however, Operators cannot enter buildings nor do they assume the role of a Personal Care Attendant (PCA).

In accordance with the guidelines issued by the U.S Department of Transportation, all eligible riders should understand that TheHandi-Van's offering of enhanced service beyond the curb when needed by passengers is not an unlimited right. That is, TheHandi-Van is not required to take actions to accommodate individual passenger's needs that would significantly modify the nature of its paratransit services (Fundamentally Alter), or create significant difficulty or expense for TheHandi-Van (Undue burden). ♿



## Eligibility

All TheHandi-Van cardholders have been certified as being ADA paratransit eligible.

In order to be certified as ADA paratransit eligible for TheHandi-Van service, an individual must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Unable, because of a disability, to board, ride and/or get off a lift- or ramp-equipped bus by themselves. This includes persons who are unable to “navigate” TheBus system without the assistance of another person.
2. Able to independently board, ride and exit an accessible lift- or ramp-equipped TheBus, but an accessible lift- or ramp-equipped bus has not been assigned to the route used by the individual, or TheBus lift cannot be deployed at the person’s stop;

3. Unable to travel to or from a bus stop because of a disability;
4. ADA paratransit eligible visitors from outside Oahu. After registering with TheHandi-Van Eligibility Center, visitors will be eligible for paratransit trips for up to twenty one (21) days per three hundred sixty five (365) day period. ♿

***Note:***

***Age is not a qualifying factor for receiving paratransit eligibility.***



## Registration

All eligible riders must carry a TheHandi-Van Photo Identification Card when they ride TheHandi-Van.

When your current TheHandi-Van card is about to expire, and if you have taken a ride on TheHandi-Van at least one (1) time during the preceding calendar year, you will receive a reminder notification in the mail that you need to re-apply for TheHandi-Van eligibility if you wish to continue using the service.

Please contact TheHandi-Van Eligibility Center at 538-0033 if there is any change in your condition that may affect your ability to use TheHandi-Van, such as a new wheelchair or other mobility aid. ♿



## Hours of Operation and Service Area

### **Mondays through Sundays**

TheHandi-Van service is generally available throughout Oahu, Mondays through Sundays, from about 4:00 a.m. through 1:00 a.m.

All-day-all-night service (24 hours per day) is available in areas located within three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of a mile of TheBus Routes 2 and 40 (from Makaha, along Farrington, Kamehameha and Nimitz Highways to Ala Moana Center; and from Liliha, along South King Street, Kuhio Avenue and Kalakaua Avenue to Kapiolani Park). Your Reservationist can tell you if TheHandi-Van ride you need falls within an area that receives twenty-four (24)-hour service.

## Holidays

If your regularly scheduled ride falls on any of the holidays listed below, you **MUST** call to schedule it.

**Regularly scheduled rides that fall on a holiday are automatically canceled.**

Please call 456-5555 (voice) or 454-5045 (TTY) to schedule your holiday ride.



### **Holiday rides must be scheduled on:**



- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- President's Day
- Prince Kuhio Day
- Good Friday
- Memorial Day
- King Kamehameha Day
- Independence Day
- Admissions Day
- Labor Day
- Veteran's Day
- General Election Day
- Thanksgiving Day and
- Christmas Day ♿



## Fares

Every TheHandi-Van Cardholder and Companion riding TheHandi-Van shall pay a fare of \$2.00 per person per one-way passenger trip.

A Personal Care Attendant (PCA) shall pay no fare at any time when accompanying a TheHandi-Van cardholder. See *Page 33* for more information on PCAs.

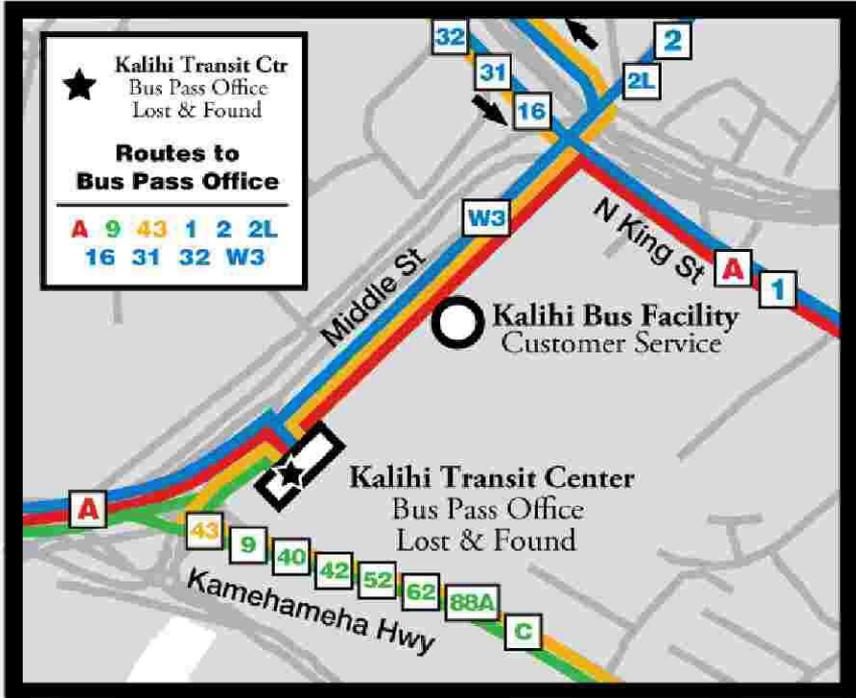
No fare is required for Service Animals. See *Page 38* for more information on Service Animals.



Be prepared to pay the exact fare. Operators do not carry change, and are not allowed to search purses, pockets, backpacks, or other personal items for a customer's fare.

If you wish to use fare coupons, they may be purchased from TheBus Pass Office at the Kalihi Transit Center on 611 Middle Street, Honolulu, HI 96819. Coupons are sold for \$2.00 each. Customers may purchase directly from TheBus Pass Office or by mail. TheBus Pass Office accepts cash, checks, official purchase orders, or money orders payable to TheBus. Credit cards are not accepted.

You may ride the fixed route, TheBus, for a reduced fare when you show your TheHandi-Van card to the bus driver. ♿





## Making a Reservation

Contact a Reservationist at 456-5555 (voice), or 454-5045 (TTY). These are the only numbers to call when you wish to arrange a ride with our service.

If you need information instead of a ride, please call Customer Service at 456-5555 (voice) or 454-5045 (TTY). Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Reservations must be made from one (1) to two (2) days before your trip. **Same-day reservations are allowable only on a space available basis.**

**Please be patient.** If you hear a recorded message, stay on the line. **Do Not Hang Up!** Your call will be answered in the order it was received.

The Reservationist will guide you through the process of reserving your ride. Please be prepared to provide the following information:



1. Your name.
2. The date and day of the week you need a ride.



3. The time you wish to be picked up OR an appointment time - if you wish to have us schedule your drop-off time.
4. The address from which you want to be picked up and a phone number where you can be reached.

If your pickup location is difficult to find, be sure to let the Reservationist know this and provide precise directions to your pickup location.

5. The address to which you are going and the phone number, if you know it.
6. The time you will be ready for your return trip. Sometimes it is difficult to know ahead of time exactly when you will be ready for

your return trip, but please schedule the trip time as accurately as possible.

If you will be going to a doctor's office, ask the doctor or a staff member how long your appointment will take. This will help the Reservationist arrange your return ride pickup time.

- 7. If you cannot be dropped off earlier than a certain time, let the Reservationist know this.



- 8. The form of payment you will be using (cash or coupon).
- 9. If you use a mobility aid, such as a wheelchair, extra large wheelchair (see Page 34), walker, or scooter, or if you will need to use the lift.

- 10. If a Personal Care Attendant (PCA) or Companion(s) will be riding with you.
- 11. If a Service Animal will be riding with you.
- 12. Any other information you feel we should know to safely and comfortably transport you.

## Reserving Multiple Trips

Riders may need to go to several places in one day: From home to the doctor's office, to a hair appointment, to the library, and then back home again.

Riders who require multiple trips must schedule a separate trip for each pickup location to each drop-off destination. Please be ready to provide all information necessary to enable the Reservationist to accommodate your TheHandi-Van needs.

### Remember...

- All trips taken on TheHandi-Van are important. Priorities are never assigned based on the purpose of a rider's trip.
- TheHandi-Van is a **shared-ride** origin-to-destination service. The van may stop to let other customers on or off before you get to your destination. If you are reserving a ride



for a specific appointment time, be sure to allow sufficient time (travel time) to get from your pickup address to your destination.

- Also, please be aware of the opening and closing times of the building or office to which you are going, so you won't be left outside if you are dropped off early or have scheduled a late return.
- Trip changes after boarding the vehicle are not allowed. You must go to the destination stated in your reservation.
- If you don't have a PCA and need personal assistance to and from TheHandi-Van vehicle, it is your responsibility to make these arrangements with TheHandi-Van at the time you make your reservation.

**Other Things to Know  
When Making a Reservation**



- ✓ Allow enough time for your appointment to be finished so you won't be charged with a

“no-show” on the return trip. If you’re not sure when your appointment will end, we can put you on “will call,” and you may call when you’re ready to be picked up. Your return trip will be worked in with the next available van.

- ✓ Every attempt will be made to schedule your ride at the time you call to order it. You may call back the following day and ask for your scheduled pickup time.
- ✓ The Reservationist may negotiate a pickup time that is up to sixty (60) minutes before or after your requested pickup time.
- ✓ You can expect the van to pick you up



within thirty (30) minutes of your scheduled pickup time. We refer to this thirty (30) minutes as your “**pickup window.**”

Example

- You request to be picked up at 9:00 a.m. The Reservationist may tell you that you can be scheduled for a 9:10 a.m. pickup. If you agree, then your pickup time will be 9:10 a.m.

- Since your pickup time is 9:10 a.m., the Reservationist will then tell you the van will arrive between 9:10 a.m. and 9:40 a.m. That is your “pickup window.”
- ✓ Please be ready by the earliest time in the “pickup window.” If the van has not arrived within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled pickup time, please call 456-5555 (voice) or 454-5045 (TTY) to report a late van and to find out when your van will arrive.

Keep in mind that unexpected delays can happen because of such things as traffic jams, road construction, or bad weather.

- ✓ Operators will wait up to five (5) minutes after the scheduled pickup time, or five (5) minutes after they arrive if they arrive later than the scheduled pickup time, and then leave.

## Cancellations

If you must cancel a trip, please call the Cancellation line at 456-5555 (voice) or 454-5045 (TTY) as soon as you know that a trip is not needed.

Cancellations should be made at least two (2) hours prior to your scheduled pickup time.

If your trip is not canceled at least two (2) hours before the scheduled pickup time, you will be considered a “no-show.”

***Please cancel all trips not needed even if they do not meet the 2-hour cancellation policy.***



## No-Shows



When a rider schedules a trip and fails to use TheHandi-Van without proper cancellation, serious transportation and scheduling problems can result for TheHandi-Van and its riders.

TheHandi-Van depends upon the one (1)-day advance reservation scheduling system. It is important that trips are

not “wasted” to ensure that all riders can enjoy a convenient and comfortable ride.

Failing to appear for a scheduled trip without proper notification is considered a “no-show.”

**A “no-show” occurs when:**

- ✓ You are not at the requested pickup address and the Operator cannot locate you; or
- ✓ You are at the address where you requested to be picked up, but you are not ready to board the van within five (5) minutes of the arrival of an on-time van and the van has to depart; or
- ✓ You have not called to cancel your trip at least two (2) hours prior to pickup to allow for rerouting of the van to another location.

***NOTE: Riders who have repeated “no-shows” may be suspended from TheHandi-Van service.***



## “Where do I wait for my ride?”

TheHandi-Van is an origin-to-destination, shared-ride service that complements TheBus system.

Unless additional assistance (door-to-door) has been requested at the time of trip reservation, the following shall apply;

- You should wait at the sidewalk or at another safe waiting area in front of, or as close as possible to the entrance of the pickup location;
- Operators will wait for a rider at the curb of a public street, in front of, or as close as possible to, the rider's house, building or other designated pickup location (alley pickups and drop-offs are not allowed);
- If a rider will need assistance exiting the pickup location, a Companion or Personal Care Attendant (PCA) should be available to assist;
- Operators cannot, for lengthy periods of time, leave their vehicles unattended or

lose the ability to keep their vehicles under visual observation;

- For drop-offs, Operators will drop riders off at the sidewalk, or another safe waiting area next to the curb or public street in front of, or as close as possible to, the designated drop-off location. If a rider cannot be left unattended (as a result of his or her disability or impairment), a Companion or PCA must be available to receive the passenger upon vehicle's arrival.

## **Apartments/Office Complexes**

When scheduling your trip, please provide TheHandi-Van Reservationists with a specific building name and number within the complex. The Operator will pick up the rider at that specific building. If a rider's building is located within a gated community and requires special entry, notify the security office to arrange entry for the paratransit vehicle before pickup time. If the rider does not arrange entry, and the vehicle is unable to enter the pickup area, the rider will be considered a **No-Show**.

## **Nursing Homes/Group Living Facilities**

Riders with pickups at nursing homes should meet TheHandi-Van in front of the main lobby. Operators are not permitted to go to rooms or inside the building to pick up riders. Nursing home staff should be ready to assist the individuals out to the vehicle, if necessary, unless additional assistance (door-to-door service) has been requested in advance. Riders will unload in front of the main lobby of the nursing home.

## **Adult Program/Day Care Centers**

Riders attending adult programs or day centers should be ready when TheHandi-Van arrives. Operators cannot assist riders in or out of adult program/day care centers unless additional assistance (door-to-door service) has been requested in advance. Center staff must be ready to assist the individual out of the center, if necessary.

If the adult/day care center requires special entry, center staff should arrange entry for TheHandi-Van vehicle before pickup time. If the rider does not arrange entry, and the

vehicle is unable to enter the pickup area, the rider will be considered a No-Show.

TheHandi-Van has designated standard pickup and drop-off sites at major centers and destinations such as large medical centers and shopping malls. If a rider schedules a trip to one of these destinations, the scheduler will inform the rider of the specific pickup and drop-off location.

### When TheHandi-Van Arrives

- ✓ If a van arrives early, you may volunteer to leave early, but you are not obligated to leave until your scheduled pickup time.
  
- ✓ When the van arrives within the thirty (30)-minute pickup window, it will wait for five (5) minutes, and then leave.
  
- ✓ If the van has not arrived during the thirty (30)-minute pickup window, it is late. Please call Late Vans at 456-5555 (voice)



or 454-5045 (TTY) to find out when to expect the van.

- ✓ Be prepared to show the Operator your TheHandi-Van Photo Identification Card. The Operator may ask to see the card with your Identification Number on it to be sure s/he is transporting the correct person.
  - Operators cannot assist riders in and out of adult program/day care centers unless additional assistance (door-to-door service) has been requested in advance. Center staff must be ready to assist the individual out of the center, if necessary.
  - An Operator's responsibility for a customer generally begins at the curb where the trip begins and ends at the curb of the customer's destination, unless additional assistance (door-to-door service) has been requested in advance. This means that Operators will generally only assist you on and off the van. You must make your own arrangements for any special assistance getting to and from your pickup point, unless door-to-door

service has been requested at the time of trip reservation. TheHandi-Van does not provide custodial care.

## Travel Tips and Courtesy Suggestions

- ✓ Carry needed medication with you in case the trip is delayed for any length of time.



- ✓ If you are diabetic, please bring a small snack with you in case your trip is longer than expected.



- ✓ Please check for carry-on items before arriving at your drop-off location.

- ✓ Please refrain from using strong perfumes and colognes.

- ✓ Since you will often be waiting outside for the van, be sure to dress appropriately for the weather.



- ✓ Please ensure that you are properly attired and bandage or cover any open sores or wounds to prevent



inadvertent accidents or exposure to other customers.

## Help Us Serve You Better

Delays are caused when the Operator has to circle the area to find you. This also inconveniences other customers who are sharing the ride.

- ✓ Make sure that your address (house number) is clearly visible from the street, especially during hours of darkness.
- ✓ If you are being picked up at a large building, when you reserve the ride, tell the Reservationist which entrance you will use. Wait near the entrance so you can see the van when it arrives.

## Supplemental Taxis

TheHandi-Van reserves the right to determine whether it will provide transportation services using its own Operators and vans, or by using a contracted taxi service. Eligible riders may **not** insist on a ride by taxi. ♿



## Companions & Personal Care Attendants

### Companions

Eligible riders may travel with Companions. A Companion is someone you want to bring with you to share the trip, not someone you must bring to enable you to travel. Companions are subject to the fare ordinance and must get on and off the van at the same place and time as the eligible rider.

If you would like to bring more than one Companion with you, the additional Companion(s) will be accommodated on a space available basis only.

When you call to schedule your ride, please tell the Reservationist how many Companions you wish to accompany you. Operators cannot take Companions who are not prescheduled for a trip.

## Personal Care Attendants

A Personal Care Attendant (PCA) is someone you may bring with you during your trip to assist with your personal care and/or daily life activities.



A PCA does not have to be the same person each time. You must, however, be registered with TheHandi-Van Eligibility Center as needing a PCA with you on your rides.

PCAs are not required to pay a fare when traveling with you on the van. PCAs must get on and off the van at the same place and time as you. The PCA is not allowed to be transported to any other destination.

Please inform the Reservationist each time you make a reservation that you will be accompanied by a PCA. This ensures there will be room on the van for both of you. ♿

*Note:*

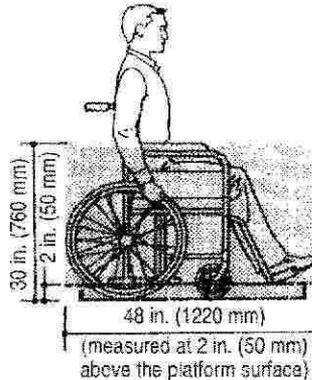
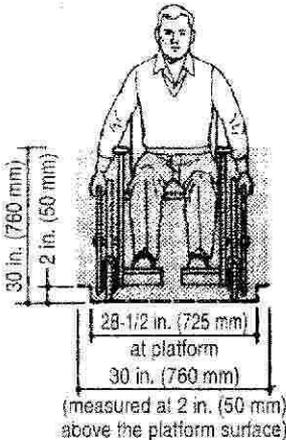
*Operators cannot transport companions or PCAs who are not prescheduled for a trip.*



## Boarding with a Wheelchair and Other Mobility Devices

The ADA requires paratransit van services to transport wheelchairs or scooters that meet the definition of a “common wheelchair.” This includes wheelchairs that:

1. Are up to thirty (30) inches by forty eight (48) inches, when measured from a height of two (2) inches above the ground. There is no height restriction.
2. Weigh up to six hundred (600) pounds when occupied.



TheHandi-Van lift may not work properly with a wheelchair that exceeds these dimensions and weight. Just as your wheelchair was measured at your In-Person interview to be sure it meets these size restrictions, any new wheelchair you obtain should similarly be reviewed by TheHandi-Van Eligibility Center. Please contact the Center at 538-0033 to make the necessary arrangements for their review. For any further assistance, please call Oahu Transit Services, Inc. at 456-5555.

Operators will assist you in and out of the van, on and off the wheelchair lift, and will fasten and unfasten the securement straps (tie-downs) inside the van.

If you use a wheelchair or other mobility aid, please keep it clean and in good condition. It can be a hazard to you, to the Operator, and to other customers if, for example, the wheels or other parts are loose, or the brakes do not hold the wheels securely.



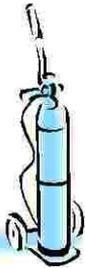
## **Scooters**

Some three-wheeled scooters may be difficult to secure inside the van. Because of

this, the Operator may ask you to transfer to the van seat for your safety. However, you are not required to transfer to the van seat.

## Other Aids

The Operator will secure **walkers** inside the van.



**Oxygen tanks** are mobility aids. They should be carried on the rider's lap and/or must be in an approved carrier. The Operator will assist with securing oxygen tanks, if needed.

## The Lift

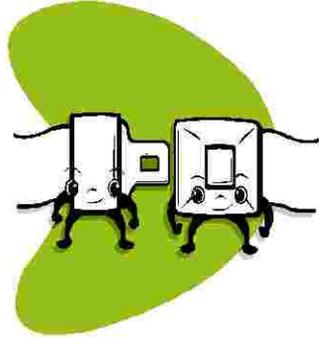
Please inform the Reservationist when booking your trip that you will need the lift. Any rider who prefers to board the van using the lift may ask the Operator to assist them. If you are bringing a wheelchair with you on your trip, you must sit in the chair while using the lift to board or exit the van.



**Note:** *All mobility devices (wheelchair, scooter, walker, etc.) must be secured inside the van.*

## Safety Belts

All vans are equipped with seat belts. For your safety and security, you are required to fasten your seat belt and/or shoulder harness and remain seated while riding on TheHandi-Van. This applies to both ambulatory customers as well as those using a mobility device. Seat belt extensions are also available; just let the Operator know if you need one.



Undoing a seat belt and/or walking around in the van while it is in motion is not permitted.

We require that customers in wheelchairs also use a personal lap belt in order to help prevent falling or sliding out of the wheelchair seat during transport.

Failure to use the seatbelt and/or shoulder harness may result in a denial of your scheduled trip.

***Note: Those with a written medical waiver may be exempt from this requirement.***

## Service Animals

Some people with disabilities have specially trained Service Animals to assist them in their daily life activities. Service Animals are welcome on TheHandi-Van when accompanying their owner. You must be registered with TheHandi-Van Eligibility Center as needing a Service Animal with you on your trips.



Be sure to tell the Reservationist when you call to arrange your ride if a Service Animal will accompany you. This will ensure that room is reserved on the van for the Service Animal. There is no fare for a Service Animal.

If a Service Animal is out of control and the owner does not take action to control it, or the animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others, the Operator may refuse to transport the animal or take action to have it removed from the vehicle. ♿





## Pets, Packages and Children

### Pets

Pets are not allowed unless they are in a cage or carrier that can be stored under the rider's seat or on the rider's lap without inconveniencing other riders. If a pet is out of control and the owner does not take action to control it, or the animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others, the Operator may refuse to transport the animal or take action to have it removed from the vehicle.

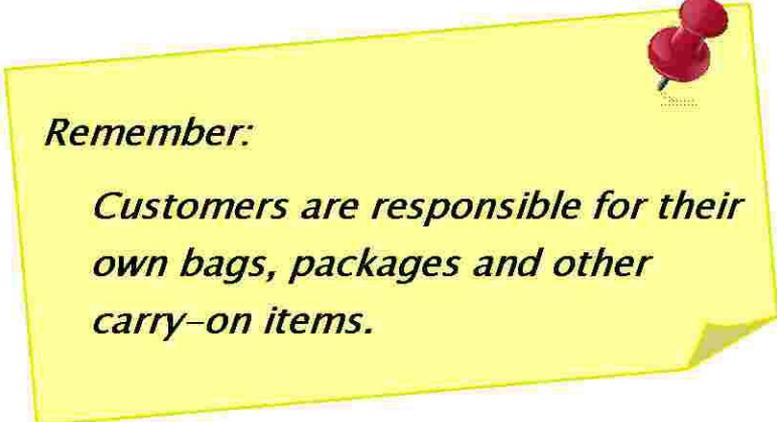


### Packages



TheHandi-Van is not a delivery service. You may carry only two (2) small pieces of luggage or bags, light enough for you to carry and hold on your lap, or

that can be placed under your seat without interfering in the movement of your fellow passengers during transport. If you are going shopping and anticipate carrying more than two (2) bags, other arrangements should be made. If a rider needs additional assistance (door-to-door service) due to disability and is carrying the amount of groceries and other packages described above that would also be allowable on the fixed route service, then vehicle Operators can assist in carrying such packages if needed by the rider.



***Remember:***

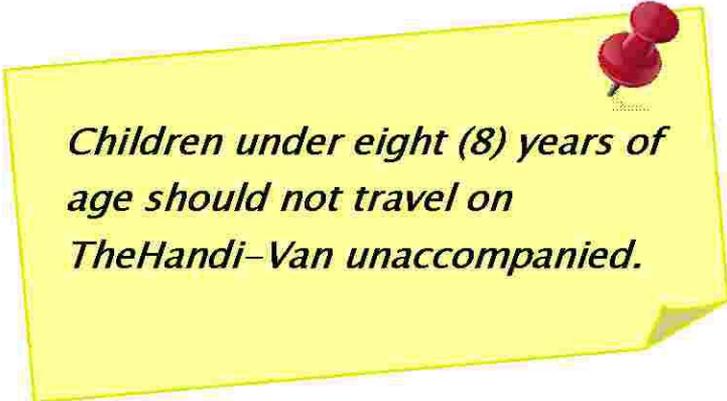
***Customers are responsible for their own bags, packages and other carry-on items.***

## **Children**

Children under four (4) years of age (or under forty (40) pounds) must travel in an approved child seat. TheHandi-Van vehicles are not

equipped with child seats, so you will need to bring one with you.

You are responsible for your child Companion during your trip. The van Operator will not lift your child onto a seat for you. If you need assistance getting your child seated, please arrange for someone to help you at the pickup and drop-off sites. ♿



*Children under eight (8) years of age should not travel on TheHandi-Van unaccompanied.*



## Out-of-Town Visitors

Visitors who are ADA paratransit eligible or who provide documentation of a disability that prevents them from using fixed route transit service where they live may use TheHandi-Van service for up to twenty one (21) days per three hundred sixty five (365) day period, after registering with



TheHandi-Van Eligibility Center. Call (808) 538-0033 to register as a Visitor.

If a visitor uses the service more than twenty (21) days in a three hundred sixty five (365) day period, s/he will be asked to submit an application to determine his/her eligibility. ♿



## TheHandi-Van Operators

OTS Paratransit Operators are trained in defensive driving, disability awareness, and the safe operation of TheHandi-Van vehicles. Please cooperate with the Operators and follow their instructions.



### Rules for Operators

- ✓ Operators may provide assistance to and from the vehicle and the door of the establishment if needed and requested by the rider at the time of trip reservation.

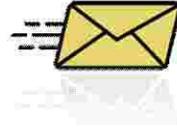


- ✓ Operators are not allowed to engage in unnecessary conversation with customers. If you have questions during your

van ride, the Operator will gladly help; however, for safety reasons, distractions must be kept to a minimum.

- ✓ Operators are not allowed to pick up packages (such as prescriptions or groceries) for you and bring them to you.
  
- ✓ Operators are not allowed to wait while you “just go in here for a minute.” They must go on to pick up or drop off other customers. If you need a short time somewhere, tell the Reservationist when you book your ride and they will do their best to schedule a van to come right back for you. An additional fare is required when you get on the next van.
  
- ✓ Operators are not allowed to take you to a drop-off location that is different from your reservation.

***NOTE:*** *TheHandi-Van Operators and staff are not allowed to accept tips or gratuities. If a rider wishes to thank a particular person, please send a letter to:*



Director  
Department of Transportation Services  
650 South King Street, 3rd Floor  
Honolulu, HI 96813

OR

Vice President  
OTS Paratransit  
811 Middle Street  
Honolulu, HI 96819





## Lost and Found

Articles found on TheHandi-Van will be turned in to the Customer Service Office. Articles will be held for forty five (45) days.

Contact Customer Service Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 456-5555 (voice) or 454-5045 (TTY). ♿





## Prohibited Acts and Misconduct

### Prohibited acts include:

- ⊘ Consuming food or drink;
- ⊘ Playing a radio, television, cassette or CD player without earphones;
- ⊘ Bringing on pets that are not carried in a container that can be placed under the seat or on the rider's lap;
- ⊘ Littering;
- ⊘ Carrying or possessing any flammable liquid or gas (other than medical oxygen);
- ⊘ Knowingly failing to pay a fare;
- ⊘ Knowingly urinating, or defecating on the vehicle;
- ⊘ Using someone else's pass or card;
- ⊘ Threatening the Operator; and
- ⊘ Doing or carrying anything that may cause harm or danger to other passengers or the Operator. ♿



## Suspension of Service

Service may be suspended to a cardholder for up to twelve (12) months at the discretion of the Director of the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) or the Director's Designee for any violation of the rules or regulations of DTS or any other law or rule relative to TheHandi-Van. ♿