**Measuring Walking Aids**

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## Why it's important to measure for a walking aid:

A walking aid which is the wrong height may cause discomfort.

 If a walking aid is too long, there will be less support.

 If a walking aid is too short can make you stoop or tilt.

 

**Measuring Frames and wheeled walkers:**

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Stand in your regular footwear with your arms hanging relaxed.

Have someone measure the distance between the wrist crease and the ground.

This should be the height of the hand grip of your walking aid.



Push in small buttons on each leg then, slide the inner shaft up or down to the correct length and release the button into the correct hole: you will hear it click out again. Make sure the buttons are outside the shaft.



Unscrew the 2 knobs just below the handles: remove screws, slide inner shaft to correct hole, then re insert screws and tighten securely