

(SCIRE logo appears on top right corner of screen with the words “Wheelchair Falls Prevention for Patients with SCI” in center and words “Part 6/6” on bottom right corner.)

(Words “Moving the Wheelchair Unexpectedly” appear on screen.)

(Cut to medium close-up shot of Ian Denison, Physiotherapist/Equipment Specialist.)

Ian Denison: Most people who use wheelchairs have compromised balance-not everybody, but most.

(Companion pushing man in wheelchair and stopping abruptly, causing man to lurch forward.)

One of the areas that they have less control of is other people in their life.

(Return to medium close-up shot of Ian Denison.)

It’s important that care providers dealing with them on a regular basis are clear that when they do interact with the client, they discuss it beforehand, whether that be repositioning a foot on a footplate, wheeling the chair to the cafeteria from the client’s room, adjusting an armrest, any of those kind of things that move the person could potentially cause a loss of balance and that is a risk for falling.

(Cut to two women conversing around a table before one woman stands up to put her book in a bag hung on the second woman’s wheelchair.)

The client needs to educate as many people as they can just about the consequences of not discussing with them before providing assistance.

(Words “To learn more visit scireproject.com” and “follow us @SCIREProject” appear.)

(Fades into next screen with bolded words “Thank you to” followed by the words “Equipment Specialist: Ian Denison” and “Participant[s]: Kim McIntosh, Gail McIntosh, Bob Thomas, Michelle Miller, Jami Bennett, Matthew Querée, Shannon Sproule and the rest of the SCIRE Team.” Below: logos of the Rick Hansen Institute, University of British Columbia, icord, and Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation.)

(Words “Created by Merilin Paart at the Knowledge Mobilization Studio at the Centre for Hip Healthy and Mobility” and Knowledge Mobilization Studio logo appear on screen before dipping to black.)