

# Fact Sheet for National Mobility Awareness Month

May is the 12th annual National Mobility Awareness Month, which promotes an active and mobile lifestyle for individuals with disabilities by raising awareness of the numerous automotive mobility solutions offered by members of the National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association (NMEDA). There are mobility options for every budget and every ability.

### **STATISTICS:**

#### **United States and Canada (Mobility)**

- Over 18 million people in the United States and Canada have mobility issues.
- Six million of the 18 million people are veterans.
- There are nearly 18,000 new spinal cord injuries each year in the United States.
- Mobility challenges are the most common disability among older Americans.
- 11.1% of U.S. adults have a mobility disability with serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs.
- A stroke reduces mobility in more than half of stroke survivors ages 65 and older.

#### **United States and Canada (Disability)**

- 61 million adults in the United States live with a disability.
- Canada is home to 6.2 million people with one or more disabilities.
- 36% of people ages 65 and older, reported at least one disability.
- 27% (one in four) adults in the United States have some type of disability.
- 22% (one in five) people ages 15+ in Canada identify with having a disability.
- Caregivers spend an average of 24 hours per week providing assistance for their loved ones.

Our auto mobility experts can help find adaptive mobility equipment to get you safely on the road. One size does not fit all.

Find what fits at MobilityAwarenessMonth.com

**Sources Include:** Canadian Survey on Disability, 2017 Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Family Caregiver Alliance Statista, The Miami Project, The United States Census Bureau

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