Dear Sir or Madam,

As occupational therapy researchers at the University of Manitoba, we have identified a need for research on issues that wheelchair and scooter users may face during the winter months in Manitoba. More specifically, we want to know how wheelchairs and scooters, public spaces and policies, and services support or limit the wheelchair/scooter users’ ability to take part in day-to-day activities in the winter. We developed this survey to gain more information on these topics, identify potential areas that could be explored further, and to inform future changes. Your thoughts and experiences will be very helpful.

There are three ways to answer this “Winter Study” survey:

* On-line: Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/winterresearch> . This link will automatically send you to the survey on the Survey Monkey™ website, which can be filled out and submitted entirely on-line.

* Paper copy: Send an e-mail with subject line “Winter Study” to [winterweather.research@gmail.com](mailto:winterweather.research@gmail.com), or phone (204) 977-5617 and leave a message with your mailing address. We will send a paper copy to you in the mail.
* Survey by telephone: Send an e-mail with subject line “Winter Study” to [winterweather.research@gmail.com](mailto:winterweather.research@gmail.com), or phone (204) 977-5617 and leave a message with your telephone number and a good time to phone you. We will phone you to do the survey over the phone.

This survey should take about 35-40 minutes to complete.

The survey will be available until May 1, 2012. If you have any questions about the study, or have difficulties completing the survey, please contact the principal investigator, Jacquie Ripat, at (204) 789-3303.

Thank you for your time and interest in our study.

Sincerely,

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