



Mobi Matting - Best Practice for Mat Maintenance

Once matting is set up a detailed plan should be noted with pictures to ensure that any person who is carrying out inspection/maintenance has accurate information to ensure that it can be returned to the appropriate set up.

Equipment required for maintaining beach access mat:

- Hard bristle outdoor broom or leaf blower
- Crow bar or similar for removing staples
- Mallet for securing staples back into sand
- Gloves

Optional but advised: Signage placed next to matting somewhere with a message to public and phone number to contact if they notice any issues with matting that may need attention. A 24 hour contact option is advisable.

Maintenance for beach mat permanently rolled out:

If matting is going into tide then inspections and maintenance should be carried out at low tide.

Timing:

It is recommended if possible to do a daily visual inspection of the mat to identify any areas of concern or anomalies with the matting. A more thorough inspection should be carried out weekly with actual physical checks of the matting as opposed to just visual - these checks will probable take approx. 5-10 minutes per 10m roll of matting.

Things to look out for:

1. That the pins are secured and not sticking up.
2. That the mat is taut and not gathering, creating lumps and bumps.
3. That the connectors that connect the lengths are not sticking out or protruding.
4. The surface underneath the mat is flat with no potholes or mounds underneath.
5. The sand on the edges of the mat are at the same level as the mat, to avoid drop-offs.
6. That there is no fraying or damage to the edge of the mat, to prevent trip hazards.
7. That there are no foreign objects on the mat like branches, rocks or large seaweed.
8. No build-up of sand or seaweed on the path that may cause an obstruction.
9. That the path is even and there are no sudden drop-offs along the path.
10. That the transition from the permanent path to the Mobi Path is lip/trip free to ensure a smooth transition between surfaces.

Mobi Mat is weather resistant and is designed to be in place all year round, however: the weather can affect the pathway - and during king tides and large storms, movement can occur in the pathway and the sand around it. It is recommended that the path be brought up ahead of any significant weather events - such as cyclones, gale force winds or king tides.

The Mobi Mat is safe to run directly into the water, however rough surf and high tides can move the pathway and lift up the pins. Regularly checking the matting will help identify if this has occurred and allow it to be reported for resolution.

We highly recommend having wheelchair 'parking' on the sand - this will keep the direct path free and allow for wheelchair users to set up safely for the day.

A 10M parking section will allow approximately 4 wheelchair users and their friends to set up and enjoy the beach. It's important to make sure that the 'accessible parking' is well connected to the direct path to ensure a smooth transition from parking to path to matting.