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Having a resident in our crisis house who was in a wheelchair but not bound to it. 260lbs and frequently would either attempt to grab staff to inflict harm or put themselves on the floor to grab staff or items to use as weapons. This individual caused injury to several team members including the then team lead. Leaving a very minimum staff to deal with this client who soon became double staffed due in part to the following incident.

I was working in the crisis house with this client. 1 other staff was present but had to leave to deal with another issue. As soon as the other staff left the client began targeting me and I spent a period of time deflecting until the client decided to take themselves out of the wheelchair and try to rip the fridge door off or throw glass items. I was able to remove the clients grip from the door at which this client flipped the kitchen table and began breaking the leg off to use as a weapon. I made an attempt to remove the clients grip however the client then grabbed my wrist with their nails and sunk them into the inner part of my wrist, leaving a scar that I carry to this day, I determined it was better to keep the clients hands busy with my wrist instead of removing the table leg. I had to hold this for almost ten minutes until the second staff arrived due to them attempting to call me and receiving no answer. This client stayed with us for nearly a year and was involved with multiple restraints as well as needing to be supported while toileting or transferring to a vehicle.