

PATIENT LIFT



Safety Precautions

- Never exceed the maximum capacity of the lifter.
- Never push or pull on the lift boom to avoid it tipping over.
- Do not lock the brakes or block the wheels when lifting a patient. The wheels must be free to roll to allow the lifter to center over the base.
- The weight must be centered over the base.
- When lifting always keep patient centered over the base and facing the attendant who is operating the lifter.
- On crank style lifters that make a clicking sound when cranking, failure to lock crank may result in the crank handle spinning rapidly and hitting the attendant. Once the patient has been raised or lowered, lock the crank handle by turning it counter clock wise one-quarter of a turn.
- Patients (especially when wearing slippery garments) may slide out of the sling if it is not adjusted properly. Position the patient so that their knees are slightly above their waist.
- Use restraint straps for comatose, spastic, agitated or severely handicapped patients. Use restraints only with a physician's prescription.
- To reduce the hazard of tipping over, spread the adjustable base lifter to its widest position before lifting anyone.
- Do not move the lift and the patient over shag or deep pile carpeting, thresholds, unpaved surfaces, outdoors, or anywhere that an obstruction can cause wheel stoppage and tip over.

To Transfer from Bed

- 1) If the patient needs support and is in a hospital bed, raise the side rails and have the patient hold onto the rails. Raise the level of the bed to the highest position before moving the patient onto the sling. Note: This will reduce strain on the caregiver's lower back. Also, when the patient is ready to be lifted, lower the side rails and the level of the bed to decrease the distance you have to elevate the patient.
- 2) To place the sling under patient, follow the sling instructions below depending on the type of sling you are using:
 - a) **Adjustable Chain and Web Buckle Sling:**
 - i) Place the sling along the patient's side with the long "Z" base fold white hooks to the patient's shoulders and the gold hooks to the lower edge of the sling, just below the knees. Roll the patient to other side, pull the sling out flat, and center

the sling under the patient. Connect the snap hook from 1 side to the "D" ring on the other side, then repeat the process with the other snap hook and ring. When the sling is properly fitted, the sling will automatically go into position when lifted.

a) **Transfer to Bed:**

- i) Raise the lift until the patient's buttocks is above the surface of the bed. You may need to lower bed the lift's height. If the patient cannot be lifted above the bed, do not pull the patient on to the bed. This can result in a tip over and could cause serious injury to the patient and attendant.
- ii) Move the lift so that the open end of the U-base or C-base is as far under the bed as possible.
- iii) After the patient has been centered on the bed, rotate the patient so that they face the foot of the bed.
- iv) Carefully lower the patient onto the bed.