

Lift Transfer: Bed to Wheelchair



Moving between bed and wheelchair:

- Expand the base of the lift to the widest position and place the lift underneath the surface the person is lying or sitting on.
- Apply the brakes on the lift.
- Connect the sling to the lift. Connections vary based on both the lift and the sling type. If using chain links, use **Shorter** chain length at the **S**houlders and **Longer** length at the **L**egs. The hooks on the chains should face away from the person so as not to scratch or injure.
- Raise the person in the lift using the pump handle (manual) or up button (electric) until their bottom is clear from the surface. Be sure to watch the arms and hands as the person begins to elevate to ensure they are positioned well.
- Pull lift back and turn to move toward other surface, providing head/neck or other physical support as needed.
- Position the person in the lift over desired surface and begin to slowly lower them to surface. Use the release valve (manual) or down button (electric) to lower person in the sling. If moving into a wheelchair, you may have to push back on the knees to get the hips to the back of the seat for appropriate sitting position.
- Watch the person as the lift is lowered, as the bar can come down and hit them either in the head when sitting or in the chest/belly when lying. If you forgot to close the release valve to stop lowering the bar, you can grab the bar with your hand and lift it up until you get the valve closed.