

Purpose

Lift chairs are recliner-type chairs that assist physically-challenged persons to a standing or sitting position. Lift chairs are state-of-the-art products that can enhance the mobility of a person that can walk. If you have not seen a therapist or physician about your limited mobility, we recommend that you do so.

Types

Lift chairs come in a wide range of sizes, shapes, heights, widths and reclining positions. The greatest difference in lift chairs is their ability to recline. There are two basic reclining positions: 2- and 3-position. The 2-position lift chair reclines to a semi-recumbent position. The 3-position lift chair reclines almost completely horizontal. The user must always follow the safety and operational guidelines established by the manufacturer.

All lift chairs have a maximum weight limit that they can support. It is important to understand the limits and capacities for your lift chair:

Weight of user (stated by user) is _____ pounds.
Maximum weight capacity of lift chair is _____ pounds.

Use

Lift chairs must be plugged into an approved and electrically grounded outlet. Always place the electrical cord in an area that will not cause anyone to trip. Place your lift chair at an appropriate distance from the wall so as to not obstruct the reclining mechanism. Adjust the leg levelers to assure stable floor placement. When not using your lift chair, leave it in the normal sitting position (all the way down). Lift chairs are designed for inside use only.

To raise the lift chair, depress and hold the up switch. Release the switch when the lift chair reaches the desired height. Use the armrests for support to assist to a standing position. To lower the chair, back into the lift chair and sit in the center of the seat as you depress the down switch.

Safety

The safe use of a lift chair requires it to be used as instructed, which includes the following safety precautions:

- Ensure that all cords are positioned to avoid tripping hazards and are in good condition.
- If there is a problem with your lift chair, unplug it and do not use it until it has been repaired.
- Never let any person, pet, or object under the raised foot lift.
- Keep all body parts clear of the lift and scissor mechanism.
- When sitting down, do not “drop” into the lift chair if partially raised.
- Never leave a disoriented or physically challenged individual unattended in the lift chair.
- Do not use any extension cords to plug into an electrical outlet.
- Do not use any three (3) prong to two (2) prong electrical adapters.
- Do not place anything on top of or near the power cords or external transformer.
- Do not sit or stand on the footrest section.
- Do not let fabric or vinyl surfaces come in contact with any heat source.
- Do not allow liquids to come in contact with the hand control and/or other electrical components.

In order to ensure care and provide operator safety, make sure you follow these safety guidelines:

- Use nightlights to increase vision around areas of use.
- Wipe up any water or slippery floor spills.
- Remove tripping hazards (loose floorboards, uneven floors, throw rugs, extension cords, clutter, etc.)
- Install grab bars, use bath mats with suction cups, and use an elevated toilet seat to prevent falls.
- Do not use a lift chair when taking any medications that may cause dizziness, drowsiness, and/or unsteadiness.

Maintenance

Inspect the vinyl or fabric for any pulls, tears or gaps and keep clean and free from dirt. Clean the lift chair as the manufacturer recommends. Always plug your lift chair into an approved and electrically grounded outlet. Never attempt to lubricate the lifting mechanism. If your lift chair is making unusual noises, or is not performing correctly, call your medical equipment provider immediately. If your lift chair has internal batteries, replace them when they are used and at least once a year if they were not used.

Your lift chair may require periodic maintenance that needs to be performed by a trained professional. Please understand that lift chair manufacturers require that maintenance be performed by certified warranty and repair facilities.