**Bed to Chair Transfer with Mechanical lift (Ceiling or Portable)**

**Qualification: Resident not suitable for any active form for transfer (sit to stand or assisted)**

* Read Care Plan
* Complete PACE Assessment
  + If Different
    1. Document!
    2. Identify safe and appropriate mobility technique

*(Remember, you can move up the decision ladder based on PACE results, not lower without an official re-assessment)*

**This IS A TWO EMPLOYEE TRANSFER**

**Applying Sling in Bed**

*\*Check the sling for bleached, frayed or torn part. Take out of service and replace if damaged.*

1. Explain to the resident what is going to be done and what they can do to help.
2. Adjust the height of the bed so that employee can work at waist height. If employees are of different height use the waist height of the shorter person. If the head of the bed is up, lower it, unless the resident’s condition requires that it be left up.
3. Ask or assist resident to bend knees. Assist resident to roll away from you and into side lying position. Once on their side second employee should hold resident in position at shoulder and hip.
4. Only use the sling that is indicated in resident’s care plan.
5. Ensure back loops and label are on the outside, facing away from resident. Place the sling under where the resident would be lying flat on their back. When centering sling, ensure middle of sling legs line up with the resident’s tail bone. Shoulders should be covered by sling
6. The center of sling should run up along resident’s spine. Tuck one half of sling under resident and other place other half over side of resident facing you.
7. Reposition resident on their back, second employee should roll Resident to opposite side and pull sling out on the other side.

**Attaching Sling to Lift**

*\*If using a portable lift may need to raise resident’s bed or move furniture to use lift in resident’s rooms*

*\*If using a portable lift do not engage brakes when using the lift.*

1. Raise head of resident’s bed
2. Pass strap under one leg and up between legs, cross straps between legs before attaching to carrier bar. Straps should be positioned so resident is unable to inadvertently slide downward through sling (Any deviation from the normal process will be indicated in resident care plan).
3. Attach sling straps to carrier bar. Check that sling is applied smoothly and symmetrically.

**Lifting the Resident**

1. Ensure residents wheelchair is located at the bedside, with brakes applied.
2. Before raising lift, ensure that all loops are attached symmetrically and the strap locks are pulled down properly over hooks on spreader bar. If needed adjust the leg straps toward resident’s knees to ensure sling is smooth under thighs.
3. Raise resident by using hand control. Before moving resident above chair, ensure that there are no wrinkles in sling and that there is nothing to hook on the sling as you raise resident.
4. Only raise resident as high as necessary making sure heels clear all surfaces.
5. One employee should use the hand control and move the lift. The other employee should guide resident by their shoulders or knees during the lift. The guiding employee should not hold onto sling seat as this may cause the weight of resident to shift in the sling.
6. Position resident over top of back of wheelchair and lower them using hand control. Their buttocks should slide down the back of wheelchair. The wheelchair will tip in this process, but this is a good indicator that resident will be positioned correctly.
7. Unhook sling and move mechanical lift away.
8. The sling must be removed from under resident unless otherwise documented in the resident’s care plan.