

HOYER LIFT – ONE PIECE SLING WITH STRAPS

POLICY:

It is the policy of this facility to utilize all measures and equipment to promote resident and staff safety and prevent injury to both.

EQUIPMENT:

1. Lift
2. Sling

Resident should be in center of bed.

PROCEDURE:

1. Verify appropriate sling size, check pad for tears, frays.
2. Roll resident on side away from staff member.
3. Place sling folded half-way under resident so lower edge is slightly below knees.
4. Roll resident back toward attendant. Pull sling through. Resident will be centered on sling, with the lower edge right behind knees.
5. Move hooyer over the bed, open the base under the bed to the widest point. Lower the lift boom. Place the straps of the sling over the hooks of the swivel bar. Match the corresponding colors on each side of the sling for an even lift of the patient. When connecting sling to the patient lift, the shortest of the straps must be at the back of the patient for support.
6. Ask "R" to fold arms across the chest or assist "R" to do so. Resident's arms to need be inside the straps.
7. Press the control to slowly lift resident from the bed. Check the straps to ensure they are secure to the hook/connection point on the left boom. When "R" has been lifted clear of bed, swing feet off bed. Grasp steering handles and move "R" away from bed. The wheelchair may be positioned under the "R" with the brakes locked – or the u-base of the lifter may be rolled to fit around the legs of a wheelchair or commode. Lock brakes of the wheelchair.
8. Lower the "R" by pressing the control. Guide the descent of the resident. Push gently on the resident's knees as he/she is being lowered so correct sitting posture can be attained.
9. Release the straps from hooyer. Move hooyer away. "R" will remain seated on sling.
10. Refer to Manufacturer's recommended use.
11. Return lift to designated area when not in use.
12. Hooyer lifts are done with a minimum of 2 staff members for safety.