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Who is eligible for a Hoyer Lift?

These lifts are intentionally constructed to help patients or elderly people, who are incapable to move their own bodies from one place to another.

You can find these kind of machines being used in hospitals. You can even find them in some of the houses of those families that contain such patients or seniors. However, the person who assists the patient needs to be with the patient while making use of the lift.

The main use of the lift is to carry or transfer the patient from one place to another, so that the patient can meet minimum and compulsory requirements like, carrying the patient till the toilet, bath place, from bed to chair or chair to bed, and so on.

It is very difficult for the assisting person to carry the patient manually with hands, as the person needs a lot of strength. Even if the person has enough strength, carrying the patient in suitable position may not be comfortable.

3 Safety Tips For Using A Hoyer Lift At Home

When someone becomes immobile or bedridden, they often end up in a nursing home because their family can't care for them properly. One of the biggest challenges involves moving them. Fortunately, there are in-home devices that you can use to move your loved one to and from the bed without exerting much effort on your part. A hoyer lift, for example, makes it possible for you to easily move someone who requires [90 percent to 100 percent](#) of assistance. However, for the safety of your

loved one, you must learn to use one correctly. Following are a few safety tips for using a hoist lift at home.

Stable Base

The base and wheels of the hoist lift provide all of the stability for the device. Before using the lift, make sure that all components of the base are tight and secure. When maneuvering the lift into place, ensure that all of the wheels are on an even, sturdy base. Remember that you will have more stability if you widen the base. In most cases, you will want to widen the base completely before moving your loved one. Most models allow you to do so easily. Some even have electric controls to do so.

Steady Balance

To keep the device balanced at all times and to prevent tipping the device, always follow all operating instructions. Never swing your loved one to the side or behind the base. They must always remain balanced directly over the base. Do not try to lift your loved one if the boom is not centered directly over the base. If you pay attention to where your loved one is in relation to the base at all times, you will greatly reduce the chances of a tip and fall accident.

Secure Sling

If the sling is not put on properly, your loved one could slide out of it during transport. Make sure that you follow all instructions. Fold the sling according to the manufacturer's instructions before placing it under your loved one. Then, follow the steps precisely to secure it, making sure that all loops and flaps are in the proper place and secure.

A hoist lift can help you keep your loved one home, but you must know how to use it properly or you may hurt them. If you're not confident in using the device, ask your loved one's nurse to show you how to operate it before you take them home.

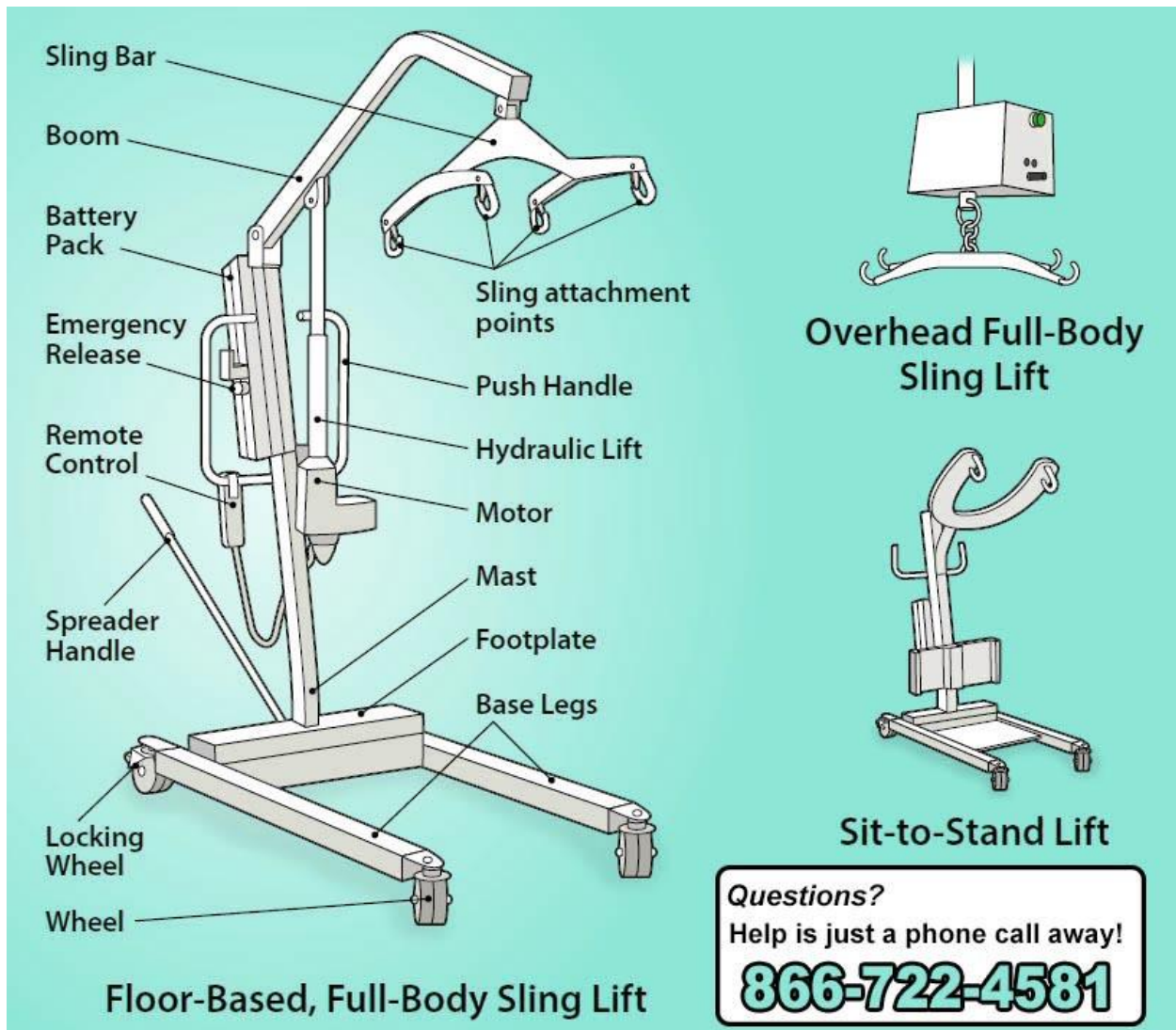
How to use a Hoyer Lift

Hoyer Lifts allow a person to be lifted and transferred with a minimum of physical effort. Before attempting to lift anyone practice with the lifter by using a helper, not the patient. You must know and understand how the lifter will feel with a patient in it. Be certain to explain the lifting sequence to the patient before attempting to lift them the first time.

Lift Basics:

The Boom of the lift does not swivel. The patient's weight must be centered over the base legs at all times. Do not attempt to lift patient with the mast/boom assembly swiveled to either side. Always keep patient facing the attendant operating the lifter.

Get familiar with all the Lift parts listed below:



- Manual and Powered Hoyer Lifts operate similarly. The manual versions have hydraulic cylinders and a hand-pump, the powered patient lifters use rechargeable battery packs and a push button hand control. All Lifts share the same nomenclature names as pictured above
- To raise the patient the base of the Hoyer Lifter must be spread to it's widest possible position to maximize stability

To lower patient open the hydraulic pressure release knob by turning it counter-clockwise, not more than one full turn. The release knob is located on pump near pump handle. Battery powered Lifters have a button on the hand control for lowering patient.

Transfer from Bed:

If patient needs support and is in a Hospital Bed, raise any Side Rails and have patient hold onto rails. Raise the level of the bed to the highest position before moving the patient onto the sling. This will reduce strain on the caregiver's back. Also, when the patient is ready to be lifted, lower the side rail and the level of the bed, decreasing the distance the patient has to be elevated.

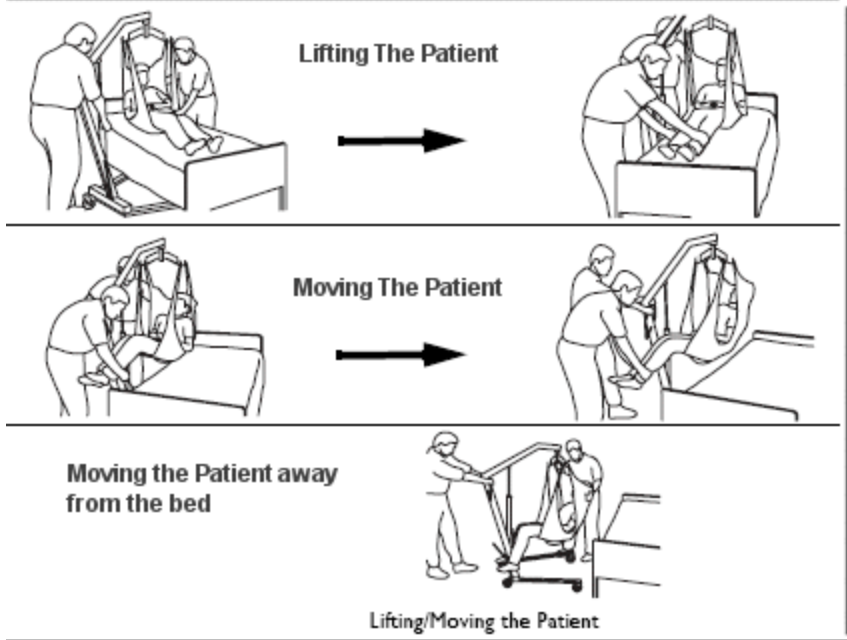
Positioning the Lift for Use:

1. With the legs of the base open and locked, use the steering handle to push the patient lift into position.
2. Lower the patient lift for easy attachment of the sling.



Positioning the Lift for Use

- When the patient is clear of the bed surface, swing their feet off the bed.
- Using the steering handle, move the lift away from the bed.
- When moving the patient lift away from the bed, turn the patient so that he/she faces assistant operating the patient lift.
- Press the DOWN button (electric) or open the control valve (manual/hydraulic) lowering patient so that his feet rest on the base of the lift, straddling the mast. Close the control valve.



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I, _____, understand that by signing this Acknowledgement/Agreement, that at the time of my Employment Orientation, and, also, on an annual basis, agree to read and adhere to the **Hoyer Lift** training information. Failure to complete the same could result in my disciplinary actions/termination of employment with Lowenhill Home Care Services.

Print Name

Signature

Date