

What if a community health worker cannot visit?

As part of your care plan, we work with you to make a backup plan. The plan might be for a family member or friend to use the lift and give care or care for you in bed that day.

What if your abilities change?

From time to time, you might not be well enough to be up or your ability to move might change. When this happens, our staff will care for you in bed until you feel better or until a Home Health professional can reassess you.

What if the mechanical lift cannot be used?

From time to time, mechanical devices will not work. For your safety and for the safety of our staff, they will care for you another way such as in bed until the lift or sling can be repaired or replaced.

Contact for Repairs

If there is a mechanical problem with the lift, please contact the supplier directly to arrange for repair.

Supplier: _____

Phone number: _____

Working together, we can provide you the safest and best care possible to allow you to remain at home.

For more information, contact:

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This information does not replace the advice given to you by your healthcare provider.

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Safe Use of a Mechanical Lift in Your Home



Home Health



A mechanical lift is now in place in your home to help you stay safely mobile.



All our staff must follow our mechanical lift guideline to make sure the device is used safely.

This guideline is based on:

- WorkSafeBC regulations where we must make sure that we provide a safe work environment for our staff
- Our 'Safe Client Handling' policy
- The manufacturer's recommendations for safe use of the mechanical lift

Your safety and the safety of those who care for you are very important.

To help you stay at home for as long as you are able, it is important for us to work together to keep everyone safe.

What are our responsibilities?

Your Home Health team is responsible to:

- ✓ Assess your ability to move and change positions.
- ✓ Plan with you how best to use the lift in your daily routine.
- ✓ Make sure the caregiver operating the lift (either our staff or your family) can operate it safely.
- ✓ Do a safety check of both the lift and the sling before each use.
- ✓ Keep an up-to-date copy of your care plan in your home.

How everyone helps you move depends on your ability to move and change positions. Although we know you may have good days and bad days, we always choose a way to transfer you that is safest for everyone at all times.

What are your responsibilities?

So the lift can be used easily and safely, you are responsible for these two things:

1. Storing and charging the lift

Make a place to store both the lift and the sling.

Have an electrical outlet at or near where the lift is stored to plug in the battery charger.

Make sure the lift is charged.

2. Caring for the lift and sling

Wash the sling as outlined by the manufacturer.

Inspect the lift and sling regularly to check that it is safe to use.

Arrange for a reliable company to service the lift every year.

Contact the supplier when you have any mechanical problems with the lift.

Contact Home Support to let them know when there are problems with the lift or sling.