

Moving mechanical lifters



Plan the move and prepare the environment.

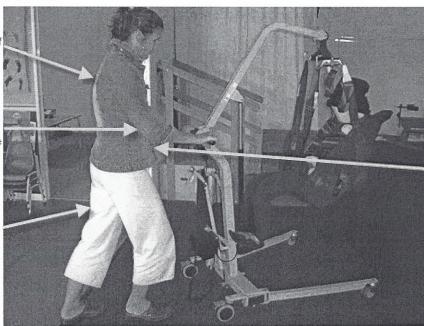
Make sure you have enough space to get to where you need to go!

Starting position

Maintain the natural curves of your spine

Keep elbows as close to your body as possible

Forward lunge position



Brace your stomach muscles

When moving smaller children, keep the legs of the lifter narrower to improve manoeuvrability. When moving heavier children, keep the legs of the lifter wider to improve stability.

Pushing Effort

Ensure effort is generated primarily from the legs, use your body weight!

Turning the lifter (or moving around a corner)

When turning the lifter, try to use your body weight to turn the lifter, rather than your arm strength.

It may be easier to move to the arm of the lifter and push it around the corner (or have a second person assist by pushing the lifter arm from the side as you turn the lifter).



When lowering child back into wheelchair ensure bottom is directed well back into the chair. If the chair can be tilted back do so before lowering child. Use the handles of sling to assist with guiding.

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