

Plan the move and prepare the environment. Ensure the wheelchair is a suitable distance from the car, not too far, but not so close that it prevents comfortable moving. Move the front passenger seat as far forward as possible if placing the child in to the left rear door of the car.

If the child is dependant, it is best if their seat is on the seat nearest the door. If the child is able to assist by standing, you can place their seat in the middle seat of the car. This allows you to place them on the near seat and reposition yourself before assisting them in to their seat in the middle.

Lifting Effort

- Use a Cradle lift to pick up the child, Keep as close to child as possible!
- Make sure you lift the child from their left side if you are placing them in to the left rear door of the car.



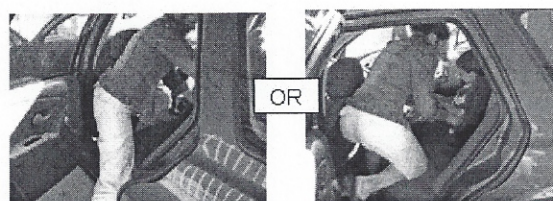
Transferring in to the car

- While holding the child in a cradle lift, step one leg in to the car (this widens your base of support so that you don't have to hold the child's weight out in front of your body).
- Depending on your stature and the type of vehicle, you may duck your head in to the car while still holding the child, or you may slide them down your arms while you keep your body out of the car.



Completing the move

- Once they are sitting or standing in the car you can duck your head in to the car to place them in their seat and buckle them in.
- You may also find it more comfortable to get right in to the car if they are in the middle seat.



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