

SAFETY BASICS *Healthcare Series*

Bathtub, Shower and Toileting

Activity: Resident Handling

Description: Shower and toileting chairs

When to Use: Showering and toileting residents who are partially dependent, have some weight bearing capacity, can sit up unaided, and are able to bend hips, knees and ankles.



Points to Remember: Ensure that wheels move easily and smoothly; chair is high enough to fit over toilet; chair has removable arms, adjustable footrests, safety belts, is heavy enough to be stable, and that the seat is comfortable, accommodates larger residents, and has a removable commode bucket for toileting.

Ensure that brakes lock and hold effectively on at least two wheels and that weight capacity is sufficient for resident handling.

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