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SAFETY BASICS *Healthcare Series*

Bathtub, Shower and Toileting

Activity: Resident Handling

Description: Built-in or fixed bath lifts

When to Use: Bathing residents who are partially weight bearing, have good sitting balance, can use upper extremities (have upper body strength), are cooperative and can follow instructions. Useful in small bathrooms where space is limited.



Points to Remember: Ensure that seat raises so resident's feet clear tub, easily rotates, and lowers resident into water. May not be suitable for heavy residents.

Always ensure lifting device is in good working order before use and rated for the load weight to be lifted. Choose device with lift mechanism that minimizes physical effort by caregiver when raising and lowering device.

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