

## SAFETY BASICS *Healthcare Series*

### Lateral Transfer

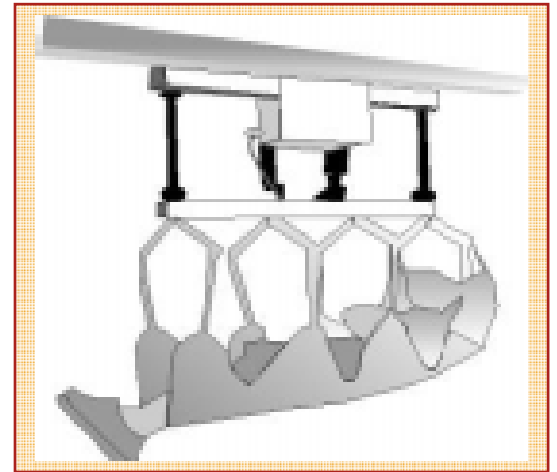
**Activity:** Resident Handling

**Description:** Ceiling-mounted device with horizontal frame system or litter

**When to Use:** Transferring residents who are totally dependent, non-weight bearing, have other physical limitations, or are very heavy and cannot be safely transferred by staff between two horizontal surfaces, such as a bed to a stretcher or gurney in supine position.

**Points to Remember:** Motors can be fixed or portable (lightweight). Device can be operated by hand-held control attached to unit or by infrared remote control.

Always ensure lifting device is in good working order before use and is 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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