

## SAFETY BASICS *Healthcare Series*



### Lateral Transfer

**Activity:** Resident Handling

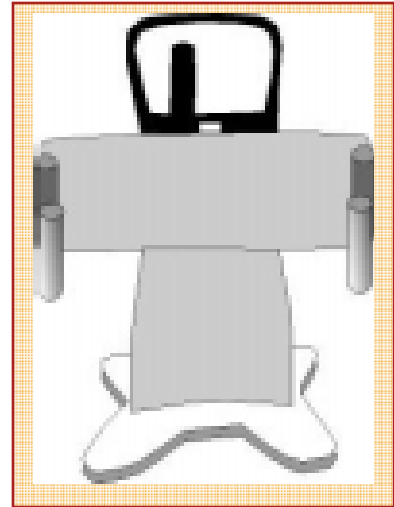
**Description:** Free-standing lateral transfer devices used with height-adjustable stretcher or gurney.

**When to Use:** Transferring a partial or non-weight bearing resident between two horizontal surfaces, such as a bed to a stretcher or gurney in supine position.

**Points to Remember:** Two caregivers are required to perform this type of transfer. Additional assistance may be needed depending on resident status, e.g., for heavier or non-cooperative residents.

Always ensure that lifting device is in good working order before use and rated for the load weight to be transferred. Ensure wheels on equipment are locked.

Ensure transfer surfaces are at same level and at a height that allows caregivers to work at waist level to avoid extended reaches and back flexion.



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