

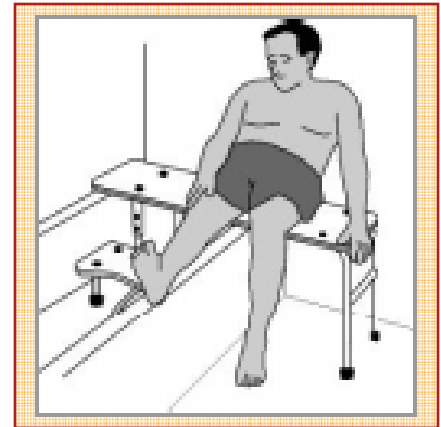
SAFETY BASICS *Healthcare Series*

Bathtub, Shower and Toileting

Activity: Resident Handling

Description: Bath boards and transfer benches

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. Independent residents can also use these devices.



Points to Remember: To reduce friction and possible skin tears, use clothing or material between the resident's skin and the board. Can be used with a gait or transfer belt and/or grab bars to aid transfer. Back support and vinyl padded seats add to bathing comfort. Look for devices that allow for water drainage and have height-adjustable legs.

May not be suitable for heavy residents. Ensure wheels on equipment are locked, transfer surfaces are at same level, and device is securely in place and rated for load to be transferred. Remove arms and foot rests from chairs as appropriate and ensure that floor is dry.

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