







SAFE WORK PROCEDURE		FACILITY TUB STRETCHER TROLLEY, TRANSPORT AND USE TWO ASSIST	
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<p>Potential Hazards Present:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) If procedure not followed, there is a risk for awkward postures and over exertion, which can lead to a musculoskeletal injury. 2) Depending on the workload, repetitive motions may be a factor. 3) Client or Caregiver may slip, trip and fall. 4) Client may grab or strike from reactive or defensive behavior. 5) Microorganism Transmission <p>Signs and symptoms of a musculoskeletal injury (MSI) can include pain, burning, swelling, stiffness, numbness/tingling, and/or loss of movement or strength in a body part. Report to supervisor.</p>		<p>Personal protective equipment / devices required / other safety considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gloves ➤ Stretcher trolley appropriate weight capacity for Client ➤ Equipment required for transfer or lift of Client based on Care Plan ➤ Towels ➤ Routine Practices; Additional Precautions as assigned <p>Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Initial Orientation and regular review ➤ Training on lift procedure used for Client and use of sliders for repositioning <p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Follow Manufacturer's Instructions for equipment ➤ SCHIPP.M1.001 Module 1 ➤ Video SCHIPP.RES.854 Facility Tub Stretcher Lift Transport and Use Two Minimum Assist 	
<p>Client Criteria and Supportive Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Client should be assessed for suitability and possible concerns before using this lift ➤ If Client is agitated or displays unpredictable behavior the lift stretcher lift should not be used. ➤ Wheel brakes must be applied when Client is being transferred to and from the trolley. ➤ No lubricants such as soap should be used to ease transfer to trolley ➤ Sliders should be used if the Client requires more than minimal assistance from two caregivers to transfer onto the trolley. If long handle straps are available, attach to the handles of the top slider. ➤ An overhead lift may be used to transfer clients who are challenging to move with sliders. Be aware there is a risk of tipping the device when raising/lowering equipment next to the trolley. The client's buttocks must be placed at the center of the trolley to ensure stability. It is not recommended to use a floor lift to transfer onto the trolley due to incompatibility of the lift bases and the risk of the device tipping. ➤ One Caregiver is required for bathing, however two are required for transport of Client on trolley and for transfer. ➤ Put a towel over metal hinge of trolley, on the seat at low back area, can enhance comfort and help with cleaning. 			
<p>Steps to perform this task safely:</p>			
		<p>Prepare Equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensure battery is charged, lift has been properly cleaned/ disinfected prior to use. ➤ Backrest can be on either side of the stretcher, and head rest can be positioned at multiple heights, so comfortable for Client. ➤ Thigh pad should hook into the holes on the appropriate side of the stretcher lift. ➤ Ensure chest strap is intact, not frayed and safety belt strap is in place. ➤ Backrest is positioned partly elevated with strap on control side and hooked into same spot as chest strap. 	

	<p>Position Client on Stretcher Trolley:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Apply brakes on trolley prior to positioning Client or when exiting. Lower the Client onto the trolley ensuring they are in the middle, with Client's buttocks at the back of the seat. Sling may stay under Client during the bath. ➤ Apply the chest strap with loop in hook and across Client's chest in front and back of strap at back of trolley. Tighten with belt clip. ➤ The trolley bar is lifted, swiveled and lowered across the torso of the Client's body during the transfer and bath. Client can hold onto arm during transport and bath if able. Raise the backrest to a comfortable position.
	<p>Two Caregivers Complete Transfer and Transport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ When possible, transfer Client in the tub room to maximize dignity and minimize transportation difficulties. If transport is required, two Caregivers move trolley from place of transfer to descent into tub. Position the trolley at an appropriate height to reduce forward bending for the Caregivers during transport. ➤ Move the trolley, one assisting at head of trolley on one side, by the controls and second assisting on the opposite side to guide the trolley and ensure Client safety. ➤ Use legs to push, keep elbows at sides and hands on handles of machine. Avoid twisting. If there is a power drive button press it, so the fifth wheel helps steer.
	<p>Lift Trolley into Tub:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bring Client to tub on side appropriate for bathing. May need to adjust the height of the trolley so it clears the tub and/or lower tub. Check water temperature ➤ Position trolley so Client is facing front of tub and push trolley together (one at foot end other at controls) over tub keeping back straight and elbows in, apply brakes. The base of the trolley should be in contact with the base of the tub. ➤ Backrest can be lowered, unhook strap on control side and lower to tub edge. ➤ Adjust tub if possible to waist height of Caregiver providing bath and lower trolley so Client is positioned into tub. Caregiver may need get in a wider base to lower selves to tub height to prevent forward bending.
	<p>Bath Client as per Care Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shower and dry Client's feet with tub raised, if difficulty reaching feet during rest of bath. Dry Client to avoid water dripping on floor. Keep warm with towels. ➤ Call second Caregiver to assist. Raise trolley until Client clears tub rim, if possible lower tub. Dry under trolley to avoid water dripping on floor. Reverse tub entry process to remove Client from tub. Complete drying with trolley in lowest position. ➤ Raise trolley, transport and/or transfer Client back to surface as at the start.
	<p>Mesh Bath Insert with Suctions and Lift Option:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This may be used for a Client's bath, if a stretcher trolley is unavailable or not appropriate for Client. Suction to the base of the tub, Client lifted onto it.
	<p>Tub Cleaning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Disinfect tub as per procedure, raise tub if able, to avoid forward bending.
<p>Managers/Supervisors: ensure all duties are performed in accordance to training, established health and safety regulations/guidelines, policies and procedures (e.g. following safe work procedures) to ensure the staff and client are safe.</p> <p>Staff performing task: perform task in accordance to training, established health and safety regulations/guidelines, policies and procedures (e.g. following safe work procedures). Notify Manager or designates (i.e. supervisors) of all occurrences, injuries, illnesses or safety and health concerns which are likely to harm themselves, co-workers, clients or any others who enter the premises.</p> <p>Note: this task will be monitored periodically to ensure compliance and safety</p>	