

St. James-Assiniboia School Division

Client Handling Program

Transfer Client to and from toilet Using mobile lift and hygiene vest	Reviewed by:		Last revision date: March 2, 2020
Hazards Present: Potential for musculoskeletal injuries Sudden weight shift, Awkward positions, Signs & Symptoms include: Pain, tingling, numbness, tightness, swelling, and discomfort.	Personal Protective Equipment or Devices may be Required: Non-slip footwear gloves	Additional Training Requirements: Training program includes the following: - Practical demonstration of procedure - Practice session - Universal precautions - Routine practices - "Back to Basics" training	

Supportive Information:

The need for one or more caregivers must be determined from case to case. Plan each lift carefully to ensure that it is performed as safely and conveniently as possible. Never lift a client higher above the underlying surface than is necessary for the lifting and transfer procedure. Universal precautions should be followed when workers are exposed to blood and certain other body fluids. The following bodily fluids DO NOT require universal precautions: feces, nasal secretions, sputum, sweat, tears, urine, vomit, and saliva (except in a dental setting where saliva is likely to be contaminated by blood). Routine practices should always be followed

Equipment to be used





Transfer from wheelchair to toilet procedure:

- Place the vest around the student, with the label facing out. Put the arms through the shoulder straps.
- Draw the right loop strap through the left D-ring. Draw the left loop strap through the right D-ring.
- Position the leg supports under the student's thighs and cross the leg support straps.
- Connect the loop straps to the lift's sling-bar at the appropriate loop
- Connect the shoulder straps to the sling-bar
- Connect the crossed leg support straps to the slingbar
- Carefully raise the lift using the pushbuttons on the hand control. For raising press the "Up" arrow and for lowering the lift arm press the "Down" arrow
- Make sure the pressure is comfortably distributed around the upper body
- Pull the clothing down as far as possible and lower the student to the toilet. Disconnect the leg supports and lower the clothing further. The vest section can remain around the upper body for support. In some cases, it may be easiest to leave the leg supports connected during visits to the toilet (applies mainly to female patients)

Transfer from toilet to wheelchair procedure (alternative #1)

- Draw the pants up as close to the crotch as possible.
- Position the leg supports under the thighs but outside the pants.
- Connect all loop straps (See instruction guide for details)
- Lift. (as above)

Procedure

- If needed, place an incontinence pad inside the pants before you draw them over the hips.
- Transfer the patient and lower him/her (as above) into the wheelchair

Transfer from toilet to wheelchair procedure (alternative #2)

- Connect all loop straps (See instruction guide for details)
- Lift.
- An incontinence pad can be placed inside the crossed leg supports.
- Pull the pants up over the hips and leg supports while the patient is sitting in the sling.
- Transfer the patient to the wheelchair.
- Disconnect the strap loops.
- Carefully work the leg supports out of the pants and remove the Hygiene Vest.

Guidance Documents/Standards/Applicable Legislation:

Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health regulation

- 2.1 Safe Work Procedures
 - St. James-Assiniboia School Division Policy:
- EBB-R Safe Work Procedures

NOTE: This task will be monitored periodically to ensure compliance and safety

I have been trained and have successfully demonstrated this procedure.

I understand that these techniques are to be used to comply with St. James-Assiniboia School Division Client Handling Program.

*Failure to follow this safe work procedure will increase use of manual lifting, awkward postures & forceful exertions.

This increases the risk of pain, stiffness & injury to the back, neck & arms of Caregivers.

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