

CONSIDERATIONS WHEN CHOOSING A MECHANICAL SLING LIFT

A mechanical sling lift (often referred to as a Hoyer Lift) is a device that allows caregivers to safely transfer an individual between a bed, wheelchair, shower chair, or other surfaces. The most commonly used lifts are manual/hydraulic, but they also come in electric models. The lift is comprised of a base on casters, a boom, and a cradle that supports the sling. Bariatric models are available and some lifts include a digital scale.

MECHANICAL SLING LIFT QUESTIONS

1. Is the intended user a child or adult?
 - Child
 - Adult
2. Do you currently use a mechanical lift?
 - Yes (if known, please indicate type) _____
 - No (if no, proceed to question # 7)
3. Do you want/need a manual/hydraulic or power lift?
 - Manual/Hydraulic
 - Power
4. Is there a manufacturer sticker present?
 - Yes (make, model) _____
 - No
5. Why is your current lift no longer usable for you? _____
6. What did/didn't you like about your lift? (Do you want to duplicate what you have or need additional features?) _____
7. User's approximate height and weight?
Height _____ Weight _____
8. Do you want/need a new sling/s?
 - Yes
 - No

9. What type of sling/s do you want/need: mesh, vinyl, commode opening, full body, padded u-sling, 4-point, other? _____