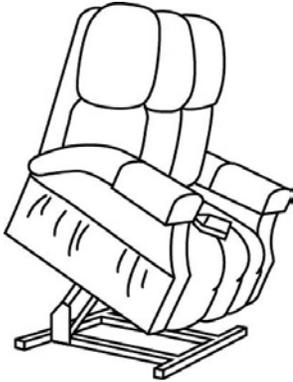


# LIFT CHAIRS



**PURPOSE:** Lift chairs are recliner-type chairs that as an added feature can assist the user to a standing position. These chairs can be a medical necessity and some insurances pay for the lifting mechanism. Lift chairs assist physically challenged persons to a standing and sitting position.

**TYPES:** Lift chairs come in a wide range of sizes, shapes, heights, widths and reclining positions. The greatest difference in lift chairs is their ability to recline. There are two basic reclining positions: 2 and 3-position. The 2-position lift chair reclines to a semi-recumbent position.

The 3-position lift chairs recline almost completely horizontal. Each brand of lift chair has certain claims that attempt to make them sound unique. Lift chairs should be judged on their smoothness of lifting, their comfort, and their durability. The user must always follow the safety and operational guidelines established by the manufacturer.

**MAINTENANCE:** Lift chairs require little maintenance. Keep the vinyl or fabric clean and free from dirt. Always plug your lift chair into an approved and electrically grounded outlet. Never attempt to lubricate the lifting mechanism. If your lift chair is making unusual noises, or is not performing correctly, call your medical equipment provider immediately.

**USE:** Lift chairs must be plugged into an approved and electrically grounded outlet. Always place the electrical cord in an area that will not cause anyone to trip. Place your lift chair an appropriate distance from the wall so not to obstruct the reclining mechanism. Never let any person or thing get under the raised foot lift. When not using your lift chair, leave it in the normal sitting position (all the way down). Never leave a disoriented or other physically challenged individual unattended in the lift chair. All lift chairs have a maximum weight capacity that is usually 250-350 pounds; lift chairs with greater weight capacities can be ordered.

**WARRANTY:** Quality lift chairs will provide a limited warranty that covers all electronics and lifting mechanisms; the industry standard is 3 years. Most warranties do *not* cover labor. The manufacturers who do not cover labor usually offer an add-on warranty that can be purchased separately for a modest fee. If anything should ever go wrong with your lift chair, immediately stop using the unit and call your medical equipment provider.