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tub transfer bench

A qualified medical professional should educate and train users for appropriate use. It is your responsibility to use this device correctly.

The transfer bench gets its name from the fact that it permits a sliding transfer from a wheelchair. Because the transfer bench extends out beyond the edge of the tub, this sliding type of transfer can be performed.

The transfer tub bench is also helpful to ambulatory users who have difficulty stepping over the side of the tub safely. Once seated on the bench, with legs outside the tub, all that is required is to lift one leg at a time into the tub.

Installation

A qualified medical professional should install tub bench to ensure appropriate installation.

The transfer tub bench consists simply of placing it in the tub in the appropriate position. Cleaning the rubber feet or suction cups with alcohol removes any oil, grease or talc and enhances the slipresistant characteristics. The feet should be cleaned initially on a new product and cleaning should be repeated periodically during regular use. It is also important to keep the bathtub clean and free of soap film to help prevent slipping.

The handle side of the bench is placed in the tub facing the faucet end, with the two outer legs resting on the floor outside the tub. The two inner legs should be adjusted to a height approximately even with the side of the tub. The outside legs should then be adjusted so that the seat slopes slightly toward the inside of the tub. With this setting, any water falling on the seat surface drains into the tub instead of out on the floor.

Despite all precautions to prevent slipping, it is important that the user understands the necessity to exert force only straight down in a vertical direction when sitting, rising from the seat, or shifting position on the bench. Any significant force in a horizontal direction is likely to cause the bench to slip or even to tip over. These are relatively lightweight products, and they are not securely anchored to the tub.

A hand-held shower is usually a necessity with the use of a transfer tub bench. Other bathing aids such as non-slip safety mats or tread may also be very helpful. The rubber tips should be inspected regularly. Worn or damaged tips should be replaced immediately. The security adjustment mechanisms should be checked frequently.

It is your responsibility to maintain and provide upkeep of this item. It is your responsibility to use this device correctly.