

Carers Equipment Safety Card – The Bath Chair – swivel bather.

A bath chair – swivel bather safely assists individuals with a bath and / or whose shower is over a bath. It helps the person to safely to turn into the bath as it is used as a seat while attending to personal care.

1. Safe use:

- A carer/ person is most likely required to assist the person on to the bather to safely swivel.
- It can be easily fitted across the top of most baths which have a wide flat edge.
- Check that the seat is secure to the frame and securely fixed to the bath before each use.
- Sit down on the bath chair and then swivel it slowly into position.
- Ensure that it locks into position.
- Remain sitting in the chair while attending or being assisted with personal care. A hand held shower-hose may be helpful. There are hoses available that plug on to the bath spout.

2. Features:

- Locking feature to secure it in position, once it has swivelled around.
- Side arms for support
- Drain holes to keep water off sitting area
- Portable, easy to use and light weight.



3. Safety precautions:

- A bath chair should only be used for a bath or a shower over the bath.
- A bath chair **cannot** be used if your bath has multi -level, shaped or narrow edges, or if you **ONLY** have a shower recess

4. Who should use a bath chair – swivel bather?

A bath chair or swivel bather should be used for individuals who need assistance to turn into the bath or have significant difficulty getting into and out of the bath due to any of the following conditions:

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| <input type="radio"/> reduced balance | <input type="radio"/> shortness of breath |
| <input type="radio"/> muscle weakness | <input type="radio"/> joint stiffness |
| <input type="radio"/> hip replacement precautions | <input type="radio"/> fatigue |

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Purpose: To provide information that supports and reinforces the education and suggestions provided by nursing or support staff.

Note:

1. If you don't feel confident, have any difficulty assisting with this or have any concerns, please let nursing or support staff know.
2. If this equipment is faulty or damaged in anyway, please let nursing or support staff know.
3. To clean - regularly wipe over and clean with bathroom cleaning products.

Please contact: The Community Palliative Care Service if you have any concerns

Further Information: www.caresearch.com.au

Acknowledgements: Occupational Therapy Department- Swan Hill District Health

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