

**SWP-SPH-FALL RECOVERY FROM FLOOR – TOTAL MECHANICAL  
ASSIST, NO INJURY**



Description of Task: Using a floor lift to transfer a patient from the floor to bed or stretcher.			
Position/Job: Minimum 2 Healthcare Workers (HCW)		Department/Unit: All patient care areas	
<b>Potential Hazards</b>		<b>Personal Protective Equipment Required</b>	
	<i>Risk for Injury (check all that apply)</i>	<i>Specify Type, Manufacturer, Model</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Biological (puncture/spill/splash/exposure)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Head Protection:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Caught In/Under/Between Wall, Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eye Protection:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chemical/Hazardous Substance/Medication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hearing Protection:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact with Hot/Cold Object/Substance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Face Protection:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact with Sharp Object (not biological)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hand Protection:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electrical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Foot Protection: Proper Footwear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Falling or moving equipment/material	<input type="checkbox"/>	Respirator/Fit Test:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moving machinery / parts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Body Protection:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MSI-Awkward / sustained postures	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hi Visibility Apparel:
<input type="checkbox"/>	MSI-Forceful exertions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MSI-Repetitive motions	<b>Equipment and/or tools required to perform task</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Noise	Mechanical Floor or Overhead Lift, Appropriate Sling, Sliders (optional), training in how to insert slings and sliders, sling extension straps if available	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Surfaces/Objects causing slips, trip or falls		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Task requires more than 1 worker		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Violent, Aggressive or Reactive Behaviours	<b>For machine operation tasks complete the following</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Working Alone or in Isolation	Machine Description and Safety Features:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Working at Heights		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:		
Patient/Client/Resident Related Tasks - be knowledgeable of patient specific hazards (CARE Alert, Falls Risk, Patient Handling Assessment, Isolation Precautions, etc.)		Set-up and maintenance of this equipment is only to be performed by trained/authorized staff following the manufacturer's manual.	
<b>Training and Proficiency:</b>			
Staff who perform this task must be trained as indicated below in this safe work procedure prior to performing it. Training must be documented. This SWP must be available to staff.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Read Procedure and Sign		<input type="checkbox"/> Other Required Training:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrated Competency		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watched Video	
<b>Responsibilities</b>			
<b>Manager/Supervisor or Designate:</b> Ensure all staff are trained and that duties are performed in accordance to training, established health and safety regulations, guidelines, policies and procedures (e.g. following safe work procedures).		<b>Staff performing task:</b> Perform task in accordance to training, established health and safety regulations, guidelines, policies and procedures (e.g. following safe work procedures). Follow process for reporting hazards, injuries, occurrences and patient safety events.	
Approved by	Original Effective Date	Revised Effective Date	Reviewed Date
Provincial Workplace Safety & Health Working Group	July 2019	July 2019	January 2022

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This safe work procedure was created by The Provincial Workplace Safety and Health MSIP Subcommittee and will be reviewed any time the task, equipment or materials change and at a minimum of every three years from the last revision date.

**Notes/Other Considerations:**



- This procedure is to occur after a nurse assessment has determined no significant injury. The following injuries will limit the use of a total floor lift:
  - Fractured hip, pelvis, scapula, clavicle, femur, humerus, vertebrae
  - Spinal cord injury
- Each situation will be unique based on location of fall and equipment available.
- If behavior interferes with care, alternate procedures and/or equipment may be required

Note: Prior to each use, ensure that the floor lift is in proper working order and that the battery is sufficiently charged. Inspect the sling for signs of damage prior to use.


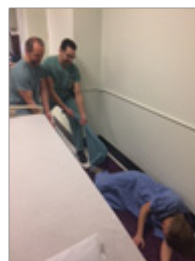
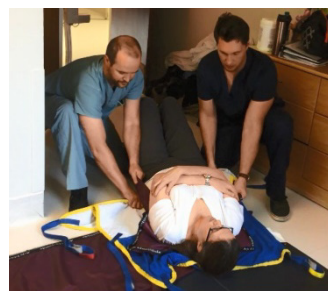
Note: Mechanical lifts are designed for short distance transfers only (e.g. bed to chair)

**Steps to be taken to complete task safely**

**Method 1: Patient in Accessible Area**

1	With sling in place, HCW #1 approaches the patient's feet with the floor lift. Open legs of floor lift and position as needed. If using overhead lift, ensure patient is directly under overhead track and lower hanger bar over patient.	
2	Maintaining good body position whenever possible HCW #2 kneels on one leg facing side of the patient's knee. If using floor lift, slide patient's heel to bend the knee and place patient's feet over the base of the lift on each side of the mast and push lift to patient's buttocks. Additional HCWs can help if available.	
3	Pull the leg straps of the sling under the patient's legs and bring them up between their legs. Leg straps are positioned as appropriate for sling and lift type, (e.g. looped through and crossed). Follow the patient care plan.	
4	Attach the sling to the lift as per lift type (loops vs. clips). If shoulder straps are not long enough to reach hanger bar, HCW #2 kneels at head of patient and slides one knee under the patient to raise the upper body (use sling extension straps if available). HCW #2 slowly moves forward, raising shoulders off the floor. Patient can assist by tucking chin. With patient's head and shoulders resting on knees of HCW#2. HCW#1 attaches shoulder straps. Additional HCWs can help if available.	

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5	HCW #1 raises patient up off the floor using the controller. Only raise patient as high as is necessary to move to receiving surface. HCW #2 guides patient during transfer.	
6	Bring receiving surface close to patient. Apply bed /chair brakes and ensure bed is in lowest position. Lower the patient onto the bed/chair ensuring they are properly positioned to eliminate further repositioning.	
7	Once patient is positioned correctly in the bed/chair, unhook sling from lift. Remove sling unless otherwise indicated in care plan.	
<b>Method 2: Patient not in Accessible Area</b>		
1	Location of patient fall will determine number of HCWs based on space. Insert sliders under patient as able. Place pillow under patient's head on top of sliders. Insert extension straps (or substitute) through loops of <b>both</b> layers at one end.	
2	HCWs stand with wide base of support, one foot in front of the other. Grasp extension strap or substitute (e.g. blanket, scrub pants etc.). Keeping back straight, weight shift backwards to slowly slide patient to accessible area.	
3	Insert sling between slider layers and remove sliders.	
4	Continue with mechanical lift procedure as in method 1 above.	
<b>Related Materials:</b>		
<b>References:</b>		