

Recommendations: Slings in Recliner or Wheelchair When Using Maximove & Maxisky Lifts

If a lift is used to move patient to a recliner or wheelchair, the sling:

- Can stay behind the seated patient
- Straps should be moved from under the patient's legs to reduce the risk of pressure injury (see photo on right)
- Straps should be moved back into place under the patient's thighs before using the lift again



DO NOT sit patient on top of sling in recliner or wheelchair.

- The clip/loop sling attachments will **NOT** be properly aligned with the patient and it will be difficult to attach the sling to the lift
- Staff will struggle to reposition the sling which increases their risk of injury



If you need to use a lift and there is NOT a sling behind the patient seated in a recliner or wheelchair, follow these steps:

- Place a sling behind the patient
- To make this easier, slide a blue liner friction-reducing device behind patient's back to slide the sling down toward the patient's low back/buttocks
- To watch a video on how this is done, go to [Duke MOVES Equipment Resources](#); click on Videos-SPHM Equipment and Devices > Place sling behind seated patient



If your patient is seated in a recliner and there isn't extra space to place a sling around the patient, do this:

- Ask a colleague to assist
- Ask the patient to help as much as possible by shifting weight, leaning side-to-side, lifting own legs, etc.
- If the recliner has drop-arms, lower arm rests out of the way to make it easier to see and place sling
- Use a sling that is one size larger than you would normally use so there is extra material to place the sling around the patient
- Order a bariatric recliner from Sizewise if the patient exceeds the recliner's weight and width capacity; this will make it easier to place the sling around the patient



Sizewise Bedside Recliner

- 750 lbs. capacity
- Seat Width: 30"
- Seat Depth: 21"
- Height: 21.5"

NOTE: If patients are unable to shift own body weight in chair, it is recommended per Duke WOCNs that patients sit 30 minutes – 2 hours at a time to limit risk of pressure injuries.