

TRANSFERRING FROM A WHEELCHAIR

NOTE: To position an individual in a sling, follow the procedures concerning lifting the patient, operation and sling attachments.

WARNING

When elevated just off the surface and before moving the patient, check again to make sure that the sling is properly adjusted and connected to the studs on the arms. If any attachments are **NOT** properly in place, immediately lower the patient back onto the surface and correct this problem.

Adjustments for safety and comfort should be made before moving the patient.

Take-Along Lifts LLC slings are made specifically for use with Take-Along Lifts patient lifts and transfer aids. For the safety of the patient, **DO NOT** intermix slings and patient lifts of different manufacturers. Warranty will be voided.

Take-Along Lifts LLC does **NOT** recommend locking the front casters of the patient transfer aid when lifting an individual. Doing so could cause the transfer aid to tip and endanger the patient and assistants. Take-Along Lifts **DOES** recommend that the rear casters be left **UNLOCKED** during lifting procedures to allow the transfer aid to stabilize itself when the patient is initially lifted from a chair, bed or other stationary object.

1. The legs of the transfer aid are in the OPEN and LOCKED position.
2. Verify that the wheelchair's front wheels are oriented rearwards so as not to interfere with the base of the Transfer Aid.
3. Lock the wheelchair's rear wheels.
4. Place the patient's feet next to each other on the floor and swing the footrests out of the way or remove them.
5. Place the sling on the patient. Refer to the **SLINGS** section of this manual for instructions.
6. Adjust the height of the Transfer Aid so that the Transfer Aid's arms will be just above the level of the wheelchair's armrests.
7. Roll the Transfer Aid towards the wheelchair until the base surrounds the wheelchair and the wheelchair's front wheels contact the lifts' base.
8. Place the patient's feet on the base, straddling the column. (FIG. 1)
9. Attach the sling to the Transfer Aid and adjust the sling. Refer to the **SLINGS** section of this manual for instructions.
10. Lift the patient. Refer to the **LIFTING THE PATIENT** section of this manual. (FIG. 2)



FIG. 1 - Placing Feet on Base



FIG. 2 - Transferring From a Wheelchair