

# SAFETY SUMMARY

## WARNING

Check all parts for shipping damage before using. In case of damage, DO NOT use the equipment. Contact Take-Along Lifts LLC for further instructions.

The Take-Along Lifts LLC Model 1000 Patient Transfer Aid is NOT a transport device. It is intended to transfer an individual from one resting surface to another (such as a bed to a wheelchair). Moving a person suspended in a sling over ANY distance is not recommended.

DO NOT attempt any transfer without the approval of the patient's physician, nurse or qualified medical assistant. Thoroughly read the instructions in this Owner's Manual, and then practice the transfer procedure several times with a capable individual acting as patient.

Use common sense in all transfers. Use only with patients who have sufficient upper body control to remain in a sitting position.

Take-Along Lifts LLC slings and patient lift accessories are specifically designed to be used in conjunction with Take-Along Lifts LLC patient transfer aids. Slings and accessories designed by other manufacturers are not to be used as a component of Take-Along Lifts LLC's patient transfer systems. Use of these products is prohibited and will void Take-Along Lifts LLC's warranty. Use only genuine Take-Along Lifts LLC slings and lift accessories to maintain patient safety and product utility.

Use the Take-Along Lifts LLC's sling design that is recommended by the individual's doctor, nurse or qualified medical assistant for the comfort and safety of the individual being transferred.

The Take-Along Lifts LLC slings are intended for use with individuals who have sufficient upper body control to remain in a sitting position. They are not full body slings and do not provide full body and head support.

DO NOT use any kind of plastic backed incontinence pad or seating cushion between the patient and sling material that may cause the patient to slide out of the sling during transferring.

The PTA's legs MUST BE in the OPENED/LOCKED position BEFORE lifting and transferring the patient.

Before transferring a patient from a stationary object (wheelchair, commode, car or bed), slightly raise the patient off the stationary object and check that all sling attachments are secure and that the sling is properly adjusted. If any attachment/adjustment is not correct, lower the patient and correct the problem, then raise the patient and check again.

**WARNING:** Use caution when adjusting the sling for increased access to clothing. Adjusting the sling higher will increase the tendency for sliding through the sling. Be sure to use the side adjustment straps to re-adjust the sling, and only raise the patient slightly off the commode. DO NOT transfer the patient to another surface with the sling adjusted for toileting. The sling should be re-positioned to the normal position after toileting before transferring from the commode.

**During transfer, with patient suspended in a sling attached to the transfer aid, DO NOT roll caster base over objects such as plush carpet, raised carpet bindings, door frames, or any uneven surfaces or obstacles that would create an imbalance of the patient transfer aid and cause the patient transfer aid to tip over. Use the steering handle at ALL times to maneuver the patient.**

**Take-Along Lifts LLC does NOT recommend locking the 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 casters be left UNLOCKED during transferring procedures to allow the transfer aid to stabilize itself when the patient is initially lifted from a chair, bed or other stationary object.**

**To avoid the possibility of pinching, use a pen or similar device to depress the spring plungers that lock the legs in position.**

**Follow the recommended preventive maintenance procedures outlined in the manual. Regular maintenance is necessary to assure proper operation.**

**The screw drive lifting mechanism is sealed at the factory and if service is required, the transfer aid MUST BE returned to the factory for repair. DO NOT attempt to open the column or obtain local service as this will VOID the warranty and may result in injury, damage and a costly repair. Consult Take-Along Lifts LLC for further information.**

**DO NOT exceed maximum weight limitation of the transfer aid. The weight limitation is 300 lbs. (136 kg).**

**Take-Along Lifts LLC recommends that when moving a patient, the transfer aid be rolled by pulling the steering handle towards the attendant, not by pushing. This will increase the stability in the event that an unexpected obstacle is encountered.**

**CAUTION: When transferring to/from a wheelchair, insure that the wheelchair's footrests have been removed or swung out of the way, and that the wheelchair's front wheels are oriented so as not to interfere with the base of the transfer aid.**