

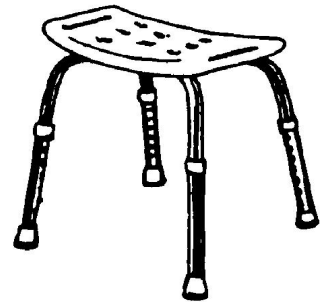
## Bath Safety Equipment

### Bath & Shower Chairs

The only difference between a tub chair and a shower chair is the height of the seating surface. Generally a shower chair is higher than a tub chair because tub chairs are designed to be adjusted to the height of the tub wall. Tub chairs can be adjusted even lower, but the patient runs the risk of having difficulty getting into and out of the tub. Some chairs come with backs at an added expense.

#### Installation

Standard bath and shower seats are installed by simply placing the chair in the desired position in either the tub or shower.



#### Warnings

All seats will have slip resistant footing, but these footings are not slip proof. To help insure against slipping clean the new footings with alcohol to remove any grease and periodically repeat this procedure. Make sure the bath or shower floor is clean and free of soap film. These chairs are light weight and are not anchored to the tub or shower in any way, so make sure to exert force only straight down in a vertical direction when sitting or raising yourself from the chair.

#### Warranty

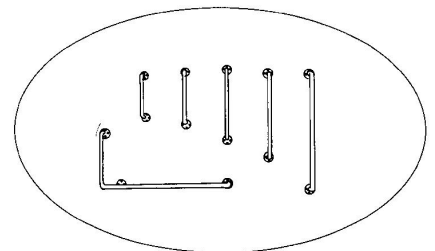
If you purchased the bench, the warranty is for 6 months. Bath and Shower Seats are not usually rented.

### Grab Bars

Wall grab bars are available in a variety of lengths, usually ranging from 12 to 32 inches. When placed properly they can greatly assist compromised patients in lowering and raising themselves from the toilet and in getting into and out of a tub. A quality grab bar, such as those purchased from Medical Service Company, can usually be installed through bath room tile and dry wall or into a stud. Obviously it would be better to anchor the grab bar in a stud.

#### Installation

- Before attempting to drill a hole through bathroom tile be sure and use a sharp punch to break through the glaze on the tile.
- When the grab bar is to be anchored into dry wall use a 9/16 inch masonry bit to drill your holes making sure you drill a hole large enough to accommodate a 1/4 inch toggle bolt. Make sure any hole you drill will be covered by the flanges of the grab bar.



## Grab Bar Installation, Continued

- If you are lucky enough to be able to anchor into a stud, use a 1/8 inch standard bit to drill into the stud once you have drilled through the tile with a 1/4 inch masonry bit.
- An electronic stud finder will be very helpful to determine if you will drill into a stud. If you do not have an electronic stud finder use the 1/4 inch masonry bit to begin with, and if you go into a stud instead of dry wall, re-drill with the 9/16 inch masonry bit.

NOTE: Medical Service Company assumes no responsibility for installation of this bar. The directions above are intended to provide information to someone who feels comfortable doing self installation projects. If you do not feel comfortable hire someone you trust to do the installation for you. Medical Service Company will assume no responsibility for incorrect installation or for damage that occurs during any installation.

## Warranty

Safety bars are purchase-only items and the warranty is 6 months from the date of sale.

## Tub Transfer Benches

The transfer bench permits a sliding transfer from a wheelchair into a tub. The bench can perform in this manner because it extends out beyond the edge of the tub. It is also useful for patients who have difficulty in stepping over the side of the tub. It is best to bath with the use of a hand held shower when using this bench.

## Installation

Install the bench by placing the bench in the tub in the appropriate position, facing the faucet end with the 2 outer legs resting on the bathroom floor outside the tub. Adjust the outside legs so the seat tilts slightly toward the inside of the tub. This positioning will allow any water falling on the bench to drain into the tub rather than out on the floor.

## Warnings

The rubber or plastic footings on this bench are slip resistant, not slip proof. When sitting or raising yourself from the bench always be careful to only exert force straight down. A force in a horizontal direction may cause the bench to slip. Upon purchase always wash the footing with alcohol to remove any grease. Repeat this periodically. Make sure you keep the floor of the tub clean and free of soap film.

## Warranty

If you purchased the bench, the warranty is for 6 months. Tub transfer benches are not usually rented.

