

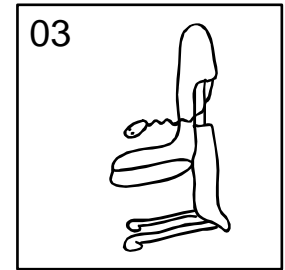
This is one of 18 leaflets in the "WiseBuy" series to enable people to choose the right product for easier living. The titles include:

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Don't jump in with both feet...

... read our useful information guide before you buy a **Bathlift**



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Can you say YES to these questions?

Have you tried a bathlift before you buy, preferably in your own bath? Your bath could be an unusual shape, have grab handles or a bobbly surface which may affect safe usage. YES
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Can you use the bathlift independently if you wish? You need to get your legs over the bath rim, work the controls and reach the bath taps if you want to top up the water. YES
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Will the bathlift fit in your bath and when you sit in the water can you stretch your legs and get a reasonable covering of water? YES
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Is it light enough to lift in and out if you have to, for cleaning the bath or storage? The suckers can stick like glue! Try this **before** you buy YES
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Is it comfortable for a good long soak? Some bath lifts recline in the bath, but many seats are an inch or two above the bottom of the bath. YES
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Will the bathlift still suit your needs in a few years time? We can get stiffer or weaker as we get older and we can also put on weight. YES
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Do you feel really safe and steady on the bathlift? Also check that you cannot trap any part of your body such as your fingers. YES
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Will you be able to charge it up yourself? Check how often you need to do this and think which socket you will use. YES
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If you go away sometimes would you be able to take your bathlift with you if you wanted? YES
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If you are buying for someone else, will they understand the instructions and find the bathlift easy to use? YES
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COULD YOU ANSWER 'YES' TO ALL THE QUESTIONS?

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Useful tips to help YOU decide

- Different colours and styles are available, including padded or swivelling seat tops, models for corner baths, bidet-type seats and reclining models.
- If you use bath oils or ointments, check that these will be OK with the bathlift
- If you try a bathlift in a mock-up ½ bath, remember you will have to lift your feet higher over the rim of your own bath.

**Prices vary widely but start at
Around £350 for a new model
2011**

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