

## Equipment Prescribing Guidelines

code: **MOV 0752 to be ordered through technician order form**

### Macnish Chair raiser

Indications for use	Indications for Non-Use	Further Actions to be Taken	Alternatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A powered device to assist the user from sitting to standing that fits to the user's existing static armchair.</li> <li>• Must be ordered through the technicians and preferably fitted during a joint visit including client, prescriber and technician.</li> <li>• The raiser is screwed to the chair so may have marked the chair when removed.</li> <li>• Has three different lifting actions (up with tilt/ up higher with greater tilt/ vertical lift with no tilt) and the appropriate movement and standing height must be identified by the prescriber and described on order form.</li> <li>• Maximum lift height can be fixed during installation and this is recommended if there are mental capacity issues which might lead to raising too high during transfers.</li> <li>• Hand controls for operating the lift are on a standard spiral cable, a rigid bar with handset is available as special order if client cannot hold and operate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Person can get in and out independently from appropriately raised chair (see seating guidelines)</li> <li>• Cannot be fitted to armchairs without a void of at least 5" from floor to the underside (this can be felt by tapping the fabric on the under side of the chair).</li> <li>• Cannot be fitted to dining chairs, sofas, recliner, unstable chairs or commodes.</li> <li>• Chair is the wrong depth or height for comfortable seating.(see seating guidelines)</li> <li>• Client cannot operate hand set.</li> <li>• Trailing cables pose a trip hazard.</li> <li>• Client needs to raise feet and cannot put footstool in position or use of footstool poses a trip hazard.</li> <li>• Client is over 20 stone</li> <li>• Client does not agree to have equipment fitted to chair.</li> <li>• Macnish has no anti entrapment mechanism so caution if pets or small children are around.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When ordering the Macnish, a joint visit with technician is recommended but not essential. Prescriber must decide on appropriate lifting action and maximum lift required and record on order form. Maximum lifting height must be recorded if no joint visit arranged.</li> <li>• Discuss with service user that the riser must be attached to their chair.</li> <li>• Armchair must have a space between floor and under base of at least 5inchs. (any covering of fabric under the chair can be removed by the technician to expose fixing points).</li> <li>• Find and agree convenient power socket so that cable does not cause trip hazard.</li> <li>• User must be able to operate hand set.</li> <li>• If no suitable chair is available Service user must be encouraged to rent or purchase suitable sized chair.</li> <li>• Contact Independent Living Centre for advice or to view <a href="mailto:ilc-exeter@devon.gov.uk">ilc-exeter@devon.gov.uk</a></li> </ul>	<p>If Macnish is not appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private purchase of appropriate height armchair (see seating guidelines) to enable independent transfers.</li> <li>• Board cut to fit under seat to take out seat 'sag' and enable independent transfers.</li> <li>• Foam inserts may make the seat level .</li> <li>• Raising existing chair with standard chair raisers to enable independent transfers.</li> <li>• Technician to fix chair raise when standard catalogue chair raisers are not appropriate.</li> <li>• If clients legs need to be raised, look at possibility of using privately purchased footstool.(see seating guidelines)</li> <li>• If footstool not a safe option and legs must be raised, discuss options with District Nurse/GP eg. Bed rest.</li> <li>• Rise and recline Chairs; private hire/purchase/grants discuss options with ILC <a href="mailto:ilc-exeter@devon.gov.uk">ilc-exeter@devon.gov.uk</a></li> </ul>