

Generic Hoist Safety Checks. Please pay careful attention to these instructions and follow them at all times.

- **ALWAYS** plan your lifting operations before commencing.
- **BEFORE** using any hoist carry out a visual check. Do not use it if you notice any kind of defect.
- **ALWAYS** familiarise yourself with the operating control and safety features of a lift before lifting a patient.
- **DO NOT** use a sling unless it is recommended for use with the lift.
- **ALWAYS** check the sling is suitable for the particular patient and is of the correct size and capacity.
- **NEVER** use a sling which is frayed or damaged.
- **ALWAYS** fit the sling according to the instructions provided (user instructions).
- **ALWAYS** check the safe working load of the lift is suitable for the weight of the patient.
- **ALWAYS** carry out lifting according to the instructions in the user manual.
- **NEVER** disconnect or bypass a control or safety feature because it seems easier to operate the lift.
- **NEVER** force an operating or safety control. All controls are easy to use and do not require excessive force to operate. If a control is not working easily there will be a reason. Forcing will only strain or damage the lift and may compromise safety.
- **DO NOT** lift a patient with the castor brakes on.
- **DO NOT** attempt to manoeuvre the lift by pushing on the mast, boom or patient.
- **ALWAYS** manoeuvre the lift with the handle provided.
- **ALWAYS** lower the patient to the lowest comfortable position before transfers.
- **DO NOT** push a loaded lift at speeds which exceed a slow walking pace (Kilometres/hour 0.8 metres/second).
- **DO NOT** push the lift over uneven or rough ground, particularly if loaded.
- **DO NOT** attempt to push or pull a loaded lift over a floor obstruction which the castors are unable to ride over easily.
- **DO NOT** bump the lift down steps, loaded or unloaded.
- **DO NOT** attempt to negotiate a loaded lift on a slope which exceeds 1:12 (Approximately 5 degrees). We recommend a second helper is present when moving a patient on a slope.
- **DO NOT** park a loaded lift on ANY sloping surface.
- **DO NOT** use electric lifts in a shower.
- **DO NOT** charge an electric lift in a bathroom or shower room.
- **DO NOT** lift a patient unless you are trained and competent to do so.
- **YOUR** lift is for patient lifting. **DO NOT** use it, or allow it to be used, for any other purpose.

