

Bathing Equipment Definitions

Bath Seats are small seats that sit inside a bathtub or shower that allow patients to bathe/shower without having to stand or sit at the bottom of a bathtub. They may or may not have a backrest for additional support in sitting. Patients are still typically required to step over the tub edge or shower entrance when transferring into the shower or tub.



Bath Transfer Benches are similar to bath seats, but also help patients to safely transfer in and out of a bathtub from a seated position, without having to step over the tub edge. They are wider than a bath seat and a portion of the bench (and two legs) are located outside of the tub to allow for a seated transfer. Transfer benches are height adjustable, may or may not have a backrest, and often are reversible so they can be used for right or left sided taps.



Bath Boards are flat boards that span the width of the bathtub and rest on top of the tub edge on either side for support. Patients can utilize the bath board like a bath seat or transfer bench. Bath boards do not have any legs or back support, which allows them to be easily removed, stored away and/or transported.



Shower Commodes are portable chairs on wheels that allow patients to be transported into a shower stall and be seated while showering. Typically there is a cut out in the seat to provide caregivers easier access to assist with hygiene.



Shower Cabinets are fixed facility units with an attached seat that allows patients to sit while being showered. Typically the seat can move forward partially outside of the cabinet to assist with a patient transfer. A front splash guard is usually provided and placed on the front of the cabinet to minimize water spillage.



Tilt Shower Chairs are similar to shower commodes, however the seat can tilt back for those patients who cannot maintain an upright sitting position. In addition to the tilt option, tilt shower chairs may come with a variety of other features such as recline, a powered motor, and height adjustability.



Shower Trolleys are stretchers with sides that are designed to shower patients. It allows healthcare workers to transport and shower patients in a lying position. Most shower trolleys are height adjustable and have a drain and connecting hose at foot end of the trolley.



Lift Hygiene Chairs (e.g., Alenti™) are a powered piece of hygiene equipment used by healthcare workers to transport and lift patients into the bathtub and bathe them in a seated position. Lift hygiene chairs are to be used in conjunction with facility bathtubs in a central bathing area and are height adjustable. Often there is a cut out in the seat to provide caregivers easier access to assist with hygiene.



Lift Bath Trolleys (e.g., Miranti™) are a powered piece of hygiene equipment used to transport, lift and bathe patients in a bathtub. However, patients are transferred onto the trolleys lying on their back. The head of the lift is then elevated so patients are in a reclined long sitting position during the transport and bathing process. Lift bath trolleys are used in conjunction with facility bathtubs in a central bathing area and are height adjustable.



Bathtub Chair Inserts are low chair like supportive bases that sit in the bottom of a bath tub. Patients are transferred onto the bath chair insert using a floor or overhead lift. Most bath chair inserts are mesh and support the patient in a slightly reclined position.



Sling Bath is a bathing method in which the patient is transferred into the tub with a mechanical lift and lowered to the base of the tub. The sling remains attached to the lift during the entire bathing process.

*May only be considered if all other supported bathing equipment is not appropriate/available.

