

Proceed to near the top of the stairs [about 12" / 300mm from the top step.] **Be near the inside edge of the stair well at all times!** At this point tip the chair up to the TRANSFER position [that means the wheels are off the ground so that it won't roll] and push the trolley wheels back into the frame again.



BALANCE position comes next. This is vitally important to learn, so practise it! All you have to do from the Transfer position is tip the chair slightly back towards you until the wheels at the front just touch the ground. The chair, with its occupant, is now **BALANCED**. You can hold it quite gently and it won't tip.



ESCAPE position: [used for actually going down the stairs]
The next part needs practise beforehand; what you are doing is heading over the top step to slide the chair skids down on the stair edges ["noses"], gently and easily, as though you were ski-ing down the stairs.

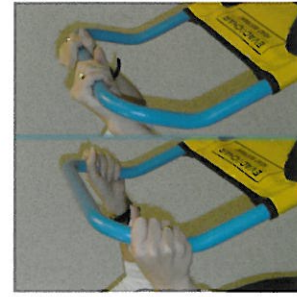
Done correctly it's smooth, effortless

and you will travel at the same speed as other stair users.

Here's what you do: You're about 12" / 300mm away from the top, with the chair in the **BALANCE** position.

REMEMBER you must be on the inside track, i.e. by the inside banisters. If NOT, you'll end up in the wrong place if there's a turn.

Tip the chair back a little more [so that the wheels are free to move] and roll over the edge so that, about half way along the length of the skis, they meet the edge of the top step. Now slide the chair down so that the front of the skids meet the second step.

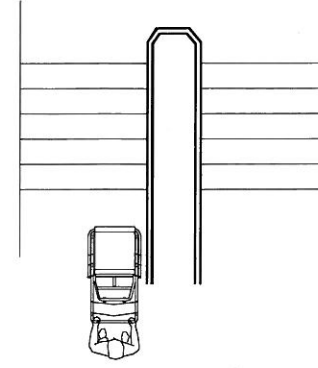


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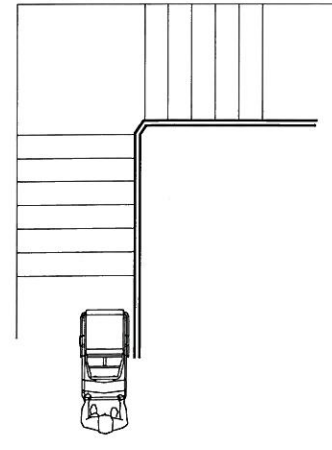
AT THIS POINT you move your hands to the top and you are ready for the descent. Now, by pressing gently down and forwards you will be able to keep the skis in contact with the stair noses, sliding over them.

IF YOU'RE BUMPING - YOU'RE DOING IT WRONG!

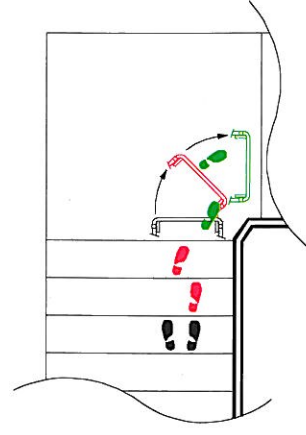
If you are bumping the chances are it's because you're "rocking" the skis over the stair noses. Concentrate on keeping the skis smoothly in contact with two or three stairs, "ski-ing" over the noses.



HALF
LANDING



QUARTER
LANDING



The next thing that will happen is you are either going to reach the bottom or the first landing. Either way the procedure is the same.

BE READY A FEW STEPS BEFOREHAND - otherwise the chair will roll off the end like a sack truck.

Keep a firm grip on the handles [in case you need to "brake" slightly] and be ready to lift up the chair to **BALANCE** or **TRANSFER** position as soon as the front frame reaches the floor or landing. This will prevent the chair rolling away.

You can now move clear of the stairs, change to the **TRANSFER** position for the occupant to return to their wheelchair.

IF IT DOES ROLL AWAY - you are best to tip it back until the skids rest on the floor at the back, then get help to lift the chair back up to the **BALANCE** position again.

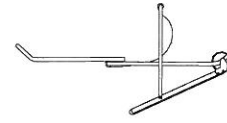
LANDINGS

If you are on a **HALF** landing [which means there's a short distance to travel before the next set of stairs], go from **TRANSFER** to **BALANCE**, remember to **KEEP TO THE INSIDE TRACK**, roll [still in the balance position, or put the trolley assembly down] to the 12" / 300mm position from the inside track, put the trolley wheels back up if you've used them, then proceed as before with the **ESCAPE** procedure.

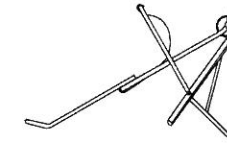
A quarter landing means you don't have quite as much room to manoeuvre in, but all it actually means is that when the front frame/wheels reach the landing you're still up three steps, so you tip the chair to the balance position, walk down those three steps turning the chair [remember it's balanced, to stop it rolling away] as you go, then you are ready for the next stairs.

Don't go slowly - it's harder work for you.

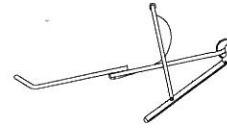
The chair was designed to take the occupant's weight so that you can travel downstairs EASILY, at normal walking pace.



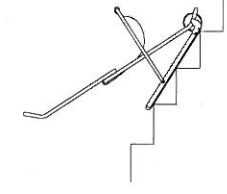
TRANSFER



WHEELCHAIR



BALANCE



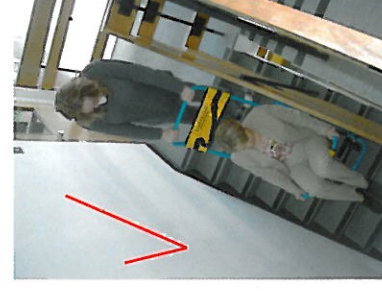
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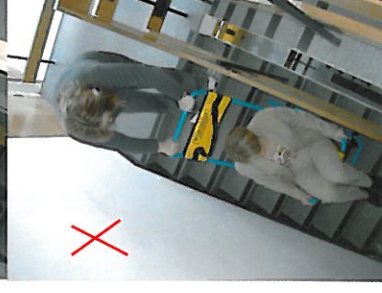
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This is an approved code of practice training guide for use with the Evac+Chair. Additional training is available in addition to this guide if you encounter any difficulties in using the chair.
Please note this may be chargeable and must be pre-booked.
The Company does not ask or contract outside agencies or persons to carry out training on its behalf regarding any of its product range.
Training is done by qualified personnel and is the only approved method.

REMEMBER!

- Keep this sheet for future reference and guidance
- Practise must be undertaken
- The chairs have to be sited close to the stairs they serve
- A map showing their locations should be displayed

LIABILITIES AND WARRANTIES

The Evac+Chair is guaranteed for five years against defective material and workmanship.

Parts subject to wear, such as 'V' belts, or damage caused by abuse or sabotage are excluded, and/or any other damage which has occurred due to a breaching of the guidelines contained in the official product guide or Training Manual.

Neither the Manufacturer nor their agents shall make recompense for repairs carried out by outside contractors or be liable for any other damage either incidental or consequential to property or persons.

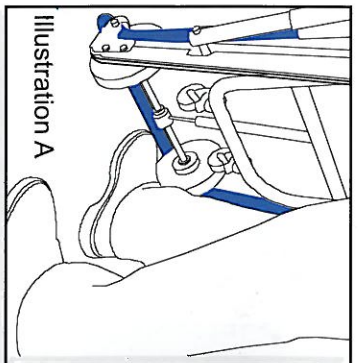
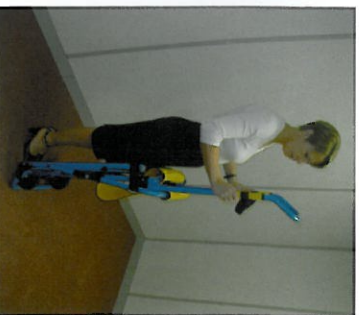
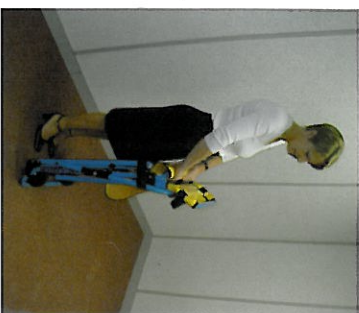
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Basic operating method, from EVAC+CHAIR in fully closed position.

SETTING UP THE CHAIR

Hold it upright and stand behind, holding as shown left

Rest foot just behind base [see illustration "A"] and pull up the main handle to the stops. Slide the head restraint down.



Still standing behind, and with foot still in same place, undo the safety strap to release the skis.

Pull the skis towards you, which then allows you to push the seat down [or alternatively pull the opposite ends of the seat frame upwards].

The seat is now ready to use.

USING THE CHAIR

Before use you must know the "TRANSFER"

"WHEELCHAIR"
"BALANCE"
and "ESCAPE" positions.



TRANSFER position is almost where you are at the moment. Hold the main frame vertical and it can be seen that the seat frame is horizontal. One foot should be behind the bottom bar [as illustration "A"] or on axle to prevent the unit sliding back. Also, with the side frame vertical the wheels will be off the ground. All this means the unit is in the ideal secure position for the transfer of the wheelchair occupant.

Now apply the seat and head restraint straps if required.

If you need to go any distance from where the two of you are to the stairs, then the WHEELCHAIR mode is needed.



WHEELCHAIR mode: with the chair fully vertical [wheels off the ground, i.e. "TRANSFER" position] put a foot on the trolley mechanism and swing it towards you until it comes to a stop. You can now tip the chair backwards until the trolley wheels are on the ground to make a wheelchair.

