



Things to Consider When Choosing an Electric Lift Chair or Recliner

An electric lift chair is appropriate for anyone having difficulty getting in and out of a chair. Offering the coziness of a traditional recliner, lift chairs are equipped with a powerful lifting mechanism that lifts the entire chair up from the base. The occupant is able to gently rise from a sitting to a standing position with full body support. Before you buy you will need to consider a number of factors.

- 1. Basic type of chair:** Lift chairs come in three basic types, allowing different positions and flexibility (see reverse). What you plan to do in your chair, how much of your time will be spent in it and your budget will dictate your choice.
- 2. Your height:** Lift chairs are available in a wide range of sizes from petite (5' or under) to tall (6'3" to 6'8"). Choosing the right chair for your height is critical to a safe and pain free exit from the chair. If you're over 6' tall you are going to need a chair that lifts higher than one designed for someone 5'.
- 3. Your weight:** It is important to choose a chair that is appropriate for your weight. The standard chair will support up to 140 kilos but there are heavy-duty options that support much greater weights.
- 4. Fabric:** Chairs are available in a wide range of fabrics including various fabrics, leather and suede and an array of colours and designs. Your décor will play a part, but the choice goes beyond appearance. Some fabrics are softer, more durable or stain resistant, so life style should also be considered.

Basic Types of Lift Chair

2-Position Lift Chairs



The two-position lift chair allows you to sit upright or semi-recline, as well as lifting into the standing position. The chair has a single motor so when you push the control button the leg support will rise first and then the backrest will recline. You cannot control the leg support and backrest separately.

3-Position Lift Chair



The three-position lift chair allows you to sit upright, semi-recline or lie almost flat, as well as lifting into the standing position. This chair also has a single motor so you are unable to control the leg support and backrest separately.

Infinite Position Lift Chair



The infinite-position lift chair allows you to fully recline into what's known as the Trendelenburg position – where your feet are above your heart. The chairs are equipped with a dual motor, enabling you to control the leg support separately to the backrest, maximizing the available chair positions.