



Occupational therapy service: safe use of a stand aid

The person you are caring for has a stand aid, provided by our occupational therapy service. It will be checked regularly. This is to make sure you are able to secure and hook slings on, and the person you are caring for is always safely positioned.

The occupational therapist will also check the person using it:

- understands what is happening and is happy to use the stand aid
- is not in pain
- is not at risk of any injury
- can take their weight through their legs and feet
- has proper support for their knees
- keeps their feet flat on the footplate
- is not dragged or lifted under the armpits by the equipment/slings.

They will also check that the carers (paid or otherwise) are competent and safe in using the stand aid.

If the checks identify that the continued use of the stand aid is unsafe and there are risks to you or the person you are caring for, the occupational therapist will not agree to the continued use of a stand aid and plan to remove it. As part of the check, they will discuss other options with you, for example, a fully supporting hoist.

If you have any questions about the use of the stand aid or to return the equipment if it is no longer needed, please ring us on 0300 500 80 80.

For more information visit:

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/adult-social-care

Lines are open from 8am to 8pm from Monday to Friday and from 8am to 12 noon on Saturdays.

Phone 0300 500 80 80 if you need this information in a different language or format.