

Home and Vehicle Program

Stair Lift



What is a Stair lift?

A stair lift is a chair mounted on a rail on your stairway that allows the rider to travel up/down stairs in a seated position.

When to choose a stair lift:

- If the individual needs to access the upper/lower level of their home and can transfer to the seat from a standing position.
- If the individual has good sitting balance and is safe travelling up/down the stairs unattended.
- When the individual is able to apply constant pressure the controls to travel independently.

Specifications:

- Rails are mounted on the stairs
- Requires wider stairway to allow access to the stairs for other residents
- Requires an electrical outlet

How do I go about getting an Incline Lift?

- Contact the Niagara Children's Centre Home and Vehicle program if you would like a consultation. You typically require 2 quotes when you are applying for funding. You or your Occupational therapist can assist with setting up an appointment with the vendor of your choice to obtain quotes and determine who you would like to complete the work. The Social Worker can assist you with funding options depending on your family income. Vendors have access to a number of manufacturers (e.g., Savaria, Acorn, Bruno etc.). If possible, look up information about the stair lift or ask your contractor which one they recommend and why. Remember to ask about Service, maintenance and warranties that come with the lift.

Other Considerations:

- Can travel long elevations
- Can accommodate curved stairways and changes in direction
- Seat and footrest can fold up when not in use
- Relatively low cost to purchase/install