



**SPECIAL NEEDS**  
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The Chair CADDIE attaches to the base of a kitchen/dining chair and eliminates the physical demands expected of the caregiver when assisting a standing person get seated and moved up-to the table!

The Chair CADDIE's mobility features (**turn...roll...and brake** for safety) help to;

- **reduce** a standing person's risk of falling
- **reduce** caregiver's risk of incurring a work / personal injury!

With the Chair CADDIE, caregivers are able to guide a standing person to a chair, help them get seated and then ROLL them to the table with **ease, grace and safety**. This eliminates the awkward task of pushing-pulling-shoving-twisting when moving the seated person up-to the table!



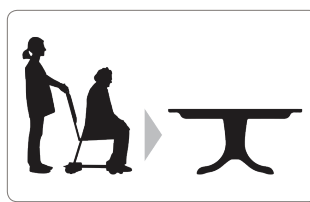
### 1. Getting the person seated in the chair

For the safety of the person being seated, ask the person to REMAIN STANDING, supported either by the table, crutches, walker/rollator or another caregiver.

With the person standing, a caregiver ROLLS the Chair/CADDIE directly up behind the standing person. When the chair contacts the back of the person's legs, the brakes of the Chair/CADDIE should be engaged.

It is now safe for the standing person to sit down!

*NOTE: The Chair/CADDIE reduces the standing person's risk of experiencing a fall as their need to lean onto the table for support or shuffle themselves towards the chair is eliminated.*



### 2. Moving the seated person up-to the table

For the safety of the caregiver, with the person comfortably seated in the chair, the caregiver ROLLS the seated person up-to the table. Once positioned at the table, the brakes should be engaged.

*NOTE: The Chair/CADDIE eliminates any pushing-pulling-shoving-twisting on behalf of the caregiver at mealtimes.*



### 3. Moving the seated person away-from the table

For the safety of the caregiver, the caregiver releases the brakes and gently ROLLS and TURNS the seated person away from the table.

For the safety of the seated person, when the walker/rollator has been re-positioned directly in front of the chair, the seated person rises from the chair and walks directly away from the table.

*NOTE: The mobility features of the Chair/CADDIE prevent damage to both the chair and the flooring.*

## DESIGN ELEMENTS OF THE CHAIR CADDIE



1. The Chair CADDIE is a fully integrated “undercarriage unit” which strengthens and supports the frame of the chair to which it is attached.
2. Side rails hold the legs of the chair in place preventing them from splaying outwards. The connecting arms are adjustable enabling the Chair CADDIE to attach to most existing armed and armless chairs. The Chair CADDIE is rated to carry 450 lbs.
3. Casters (oversized) attached directly to the “undercarriage unit” (not to the legs of the chair) enable the chair with the person seated in the chair to move easily on tile, laminate or carpeted surfaces, while raising the seat height of the chair only 3/4”.
4. For stability, the front casters are positioned in-line with the front legs of the chair. The wide wheel-base stance provides unparalleled stability preventing the chair from tipping sideways. Anti-tip glides installed under the front legs prevent the chair from tipping forwards.
5. For mobility, the “undercarriage unit” is fitted with rotating rear casters.
6. For safety, both rear casters are fitted with foot activated brakes. It is recommended the brakes are engaged whenever the chair is not attended by a caregiver.
7. Additionally, the entire “undercarriage unit” fits inside the “foot print” of the chair to which it is attached and does not pose a tripping hazard to the caregiver or other guests.



Online Reference: [www.comfortek.com/cc](http://www.comfortek.com/cc)

## OPERATING GUIDELINES



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## WHO BENEFITS...

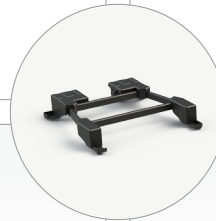
Chairs that **swivel...turn...roll** and **brake** for safety can create a **WIN / WIN / WIN** solution for your care community, your staff and your residents.

### MANAGEMENT

- ✓ Reduced capital expenses
  1. Chairs remain in service 4-7 years longer
  2. Damage to floors is eliminated
  3. All existing damaged chairs can be brought back into circulation
- ✓ Increased occupancy (visitors see the increased level of resident centered care provided in the dining room)
- ✓ Staff appreciate management pro-actively addressing workplace safety

### HUMAN RESOURCES

- ✓ Reduced recruitment costs (increased staff retention due to safer workplace environment)
- ✓ Reduced sick-time costs (less injuries to front-line staff = less additional staffing costs)
- ✓ Reduced physical demands (attracts early retirees looking to become re-engaged in the care community)



### CARE STAFF

- ✓ Reduced physical effort while performing daily tasks of moving residents up-to and away from tables
- ✓ Reduced workplace injuries
- ✓ Soft skills (ie. compassion, empathy, tolerance) become more evident as physical fatigue diminishes
- ✓ Better **work / life balance** as front-line staff tasked with moving seated individuals up-to and away-from tables have more energy at the end of a shift

### RESIDENTS

- ✓ Increased safety when being seated
- ✓ Increased dignity
- ✓ Increased engagement/interaction with staff
- ✓ Enhanced relationships with care providers

### FAMILIES

- ✓ Increased level of service satisfaction
- ✓ Increased level of confidence in staff



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