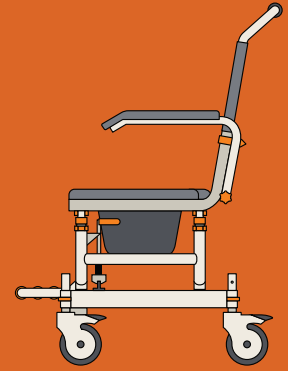


Shower Chair shopping checklist

Are you in the process of shopping around for a shower chair? This checklist provides an easy reference point on which you can check each potential product's criteria and fitness for use. We've designed this checklist to be useful for occupational therapists (OTs), physical therapists (PTs), family members, and individuals with mobility needs themselves.



Simply duplicate this checklist and complete for each product you're considering on the market. Any system that doesn't meet many of these checklist criteria may not be appropriate for use outside of the most basic of shower chair needs.

Bathroom Type

- Is your shower an open, wet room style 'roll-in' format?
- Is your shower a bathtub unit?
- Is your shower a step-over standup unit with a barrier?

Mobility Needs

- Does the level of mobility allow fully independent bathing including maneuvering into the bathroom with equipment?
- Does the level of mobility allow partially independent bathing with the help of a carer or family member to transfer into the shower?
- Does the level of mobility require assistance with bathing?

Manufacturer/Brand

- Does the shower chair manufacturer offer a warranty on structure components like the chair frame?
- Does the manufacturer offer product support?
- Does the manufacturer have a local distributor and/or expert that can provide advice, demonstrations and bathroom assessments?
- Does that brand have good reviews and endorsements?
- Is the brand's products covered under local health funding programmes?
- Can you access accessories and add ons for the product to fit specific requirements?

Product Features

- Does the product have a seat that's adequately deep and wide enough to accommodate the user?
- Does the product have a weight rating that's compatible with the user?
- Does the shower chair have neck, arm and feet rests?
- Does the chair offer tilting (if this is required for comfort or function)?
- Does the chair have strong brakes that are tested against weight limits and shifting weight distribution?
- Is the frame made of corrosion and water resistant material?
- Does the cushioning offer ease of cleaning?
- Does the shower chair provide highly comfortable seating and back cushioning?
- Does the product offer transfer capabilities to align with the configuration of your bathroom (e.g. move into a wet room, bathtub or shower unit)?
- Does the product have caster wheels that provide 360 degree movement?
- Does the product allow installation within an hour?
- Can the components be removed and cleaned thoroughly without total disassembly?
- Can the product be adjusted in height and angle to suit users' comfort?

Read more about Shower Chairs in our dedicated guides

You can learn how a shower chair works, what to look for when purchasing a shower chair and other information in our complete [Shower Chairs section](#).