



This standard of practice is to support the PSW in providing safe, respectful and effective personal care to the public population in a dignified and ethical approach. Standards of Practice outline the expectations of the PSW and their responsibility in the delivery of care.

Ambulation/Mobility -The act of walking or moving around.

If person(s) require assistance with ambulation that requires the use of a transfer belt or gait belt or the person(s) must have full support of another person to walk, the person(s) would then require a Personal Support Workers assistance.

The PSW may assist the person(s) in ambulation if the use of transfer devices such as a Hoyer Lift or Transfer Board is required. As there are numerous different manufacturers and models of lifts, it is important that the PSW reviews the instructions for this device and has also checked with the company's or facility's policy on the use of equipment where applicable. If the PSW is unsure of the proper and safe use of the device then the PSW should ask for direction from either the facility or from the appropriate supervisor. Always follow the Manufacturer's directions on the use of equipment.

*PSW – Personal Support Worker

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