

The William Merritt Centre is a registered charity and provide impartial information, advice and assessments on equipment and practical aspects of daily living for disabled people of all ages, their carers, health professionals and older people.

The Disabled Living Centre offers equipment displays including kitchen, seating, stairlifts, bathing, beds, wheelchairs and mobility scooters. You can make an appointment to have an assessment or visit on an Open Day where you can look around the Centre and spend 10 minutes with one of our Occupational Therapists.

Our Children's Service offers assessment and information on a wide range of equipment e.g. car seats, buggies, tricycles.

With Switches 4 Kidz, and Technology services we can enable children, young people and adults to access adapted toys, computers, and games consoles as well as modern technology such as tablets and mobile phones.

Our Driving Assessment Service can carry out assessments of drivers ability, offer information and advice on adaptations to your car, getting in and out of your car and stowage of wheelchairs and scooters.

For information about the Centre or to book an appointment please ring Leeds **0113 350 8989** visit the website **www.wmdlc.org**

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Inflatable Bathing Cushions and Band Type bath lift



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Disabled Living Centre



**Have you seen these
advertised in the papers
and on TV?**

**What are the pros and
cons of using these
products?**



Try before you buy

Contact the Centre on **0113 350 8989** or email info@wmdlc.org
for further information or to arrange an assessment.

How do they work?



Inflatable bath lifts these are operated by a battery compressor. You inflate them using a push button hand control until they are level with the top of your bath.

You sit on the cushion and lift your legs over the side of the bath and then using the same hand control, deflate the cushion and it will lower into the bath you then empty the bath water and then re-inflate when you are ready to get out and the cushion will lift you back up to the top of the bath.



Band type bath lifts work in a similar way to the inflatable bath lift, it is powered by a rechargeable battery, which is removed for charging.

The main difference is you are sitting on a strip of waterproof material that acts like a hammock this lowers you into the water to the bottom of the bath and back up again using a similar push button remote control.



Things to Consider

Do you have problems with your balance?

The inflatable bath lifts can feel unsteady when lowering you down into the bath and when lifting you up again.

Do you need back support?

The band type bath lifts have no back support.

Can you reach the taps to top up the water when in the bath and reach the plug to empty the water before getting out of the bath?

You will need to be able to do this with the inflatable bath lifts.

The band type bath lifts are permanently fitted to your bath.

Consider whether you will be moving home in the future or whether you want to be able to take your bath lift away on holiday with you. If so, you may want to consider other options.

Can you manage to lift the compressor of the inflatable bath lifts?

Do you have room to charge up the compressor?

There is a tube running from the compressor to the inflatable bath lifts. Will this be a trip hazard for you?

Does the band type bath lift provide enough support when transferring?

Will these bath lifts be suitable in a few years time if your mobility deteriorates?

Do you need to consider installing grab rails on the wall by the bath to help with transfers?

What to do next

Contact the William Merritt Centre and book an appointment with an Occupational Therapist. They will show you how the bath lifts work and help you choose the right product for your needs.

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