

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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Bathlifts battery powered

Are you finding it difficult to lower yourself down into the bath and getting back up again?

You may be considering using a bathlift



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?



- Battery operated bathlifts sit on the bottom of the bath and are anchored by large suction pads. The bathlift raises and lowers using a push button handset.
- The bathlift is raised to the same level as the top of your bath using the handset.
- You sit on the seat and lift your legs over the side. If this is a problem you will need to consider if this type of product is going to be right for you.
- You then lower the seat into the water using the handset.
- When you have finished bathing you raise the seat, lift your legs over the side and stand up.



Things to Consider

Will a bath lift fit in your own bath?

Your bath could be an unusual shape, have grab handles or a bobbly surface which may affect safe usage.

Can you use the bath lift independently if you wish?

Can you press the controls and reach the bath taps if you want to top up the water?

Is it comfortable for a long soak?

Some bath lifts recline. Most bathlifts lower to a couple of inches above the bottom of the bath.

Can you lift it in and out of the bath if necessary for cleaning or storage?

The suction pads can stick like glue. Try this before you buy.

Will a bath lift still be suitable for you in a few years time?

You may want to consider a wet floor shower instead.

Will you be able to charge up the battery yourself?

Check how often you need to do this and which socket you will use.

If you go away on holiday would you be able to take your bath lift with you?

Do you feel safe and steady on the bath lift?

Do you need extra cushioning on the bath lift?

Have you been referred to an Occupational Therapist in your local Adult Social Care Department?

You may be eligible for a bath lift from them.

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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