

County Technician Service

Technician Supplied Equipment



The County Technician Service provide and install a wide range of equipment to assist customers or their carers with various activities of daily living.

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Information for Prescribers

This document is for use by professionals only and we have indicated next to the items, who is able request that specific item.

If you are not listed as a prescriber for a particular item, your request will need to be made through the local office, as a specialist assessment will be required by a member of one of our adults or children's teams.

Key to Prescribers

NHS	NHS Prescribers
CEAx	Community Equipment Assessors
Fast Track	Area Referral Management Service (ARMS)

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If you require information regarding any of the adaptations supplied by us, or for any enquiries about the County Technician Service, please contact the Senior Technicians on the numbers to the right.



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Plastic Grab Rails



2 types available –
Plastic fluted grip
Plastic natural grip

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Various fixing points

Rail diameter: 32mm (1¼")

Available in 3 lengths –
300mm (12")
460mm (18")
600mm (24")

Used in wet areas

Blue rail, 460mm (18") also available
to provide contrast for visually
impaired customers



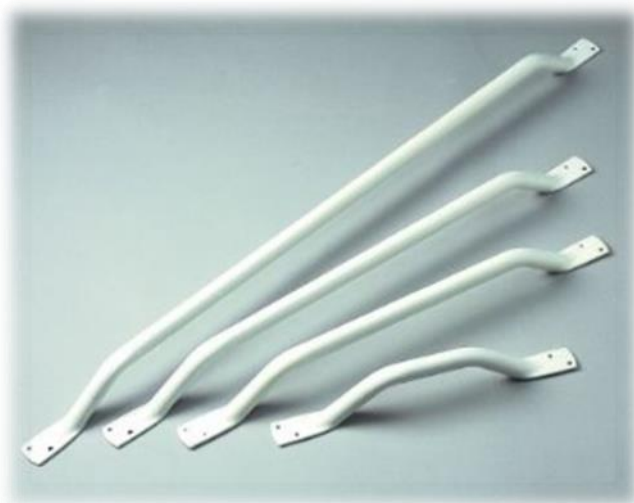
Natural Grip Rail in Blue



Plastic Fluted Grab Rails

Please note: The lengths given on plastic rails are
the grab area, the overall length will be larger.

Metal Grab Rails



Metal Grab Rails

Straight metal grab rails in 6 lengths –

305mm (12")
460mm (18") in white or brown
600mm (24")
711mm (28")
914mm (36")
1117mm (44")

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Not recommended for use in bath or
shower areas

460mm (18") offset version available in
white or brown for use at doorways



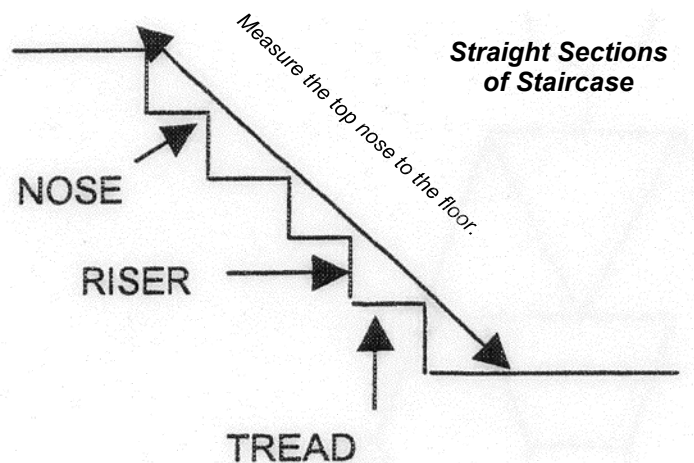
Offset Metal Grab Rail

Please note: The lengths given on metal rails are the overall
dimension of the rail and not the grab area, which will be smaller.

Banister Rails

Banister (mopstick) rails will allow a good handgrip for the stair area. Remember though, that additional rails will narrow the width of the existing stairway, which may be a consideration before fitting.

Banister rails can only be fixed to a solid wall. For surfaces such as Plasterboard ('Dot & Dab' and 'Stud') or Lath & Plaster walls, additional items will need to be installed to enable the rail to be fitted; i.e. Medway Rails (see next page) or battening. It is important to detail if the wall sounds hollow; the Technician will then be able to go to the job prepared.

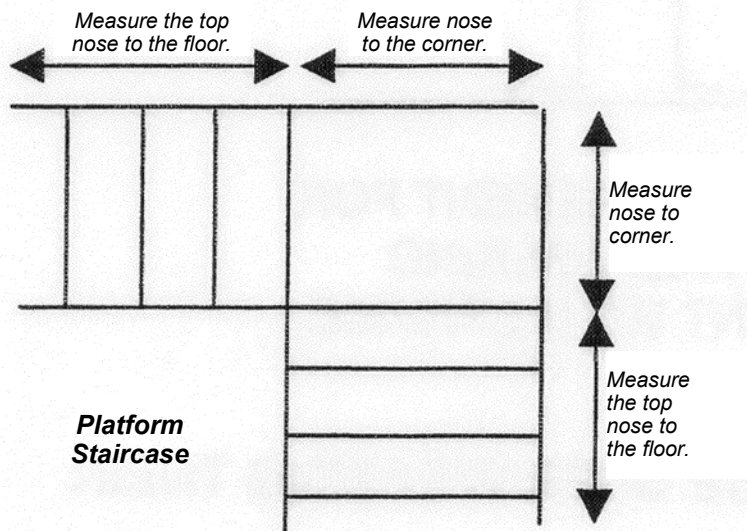


Many people find measuring for banisters confusing, the pictures on this page describe the best way to take measurements for banister rails.

On the straight sections measure from the top nose all the way to the floor.

On platforms and winders, measure each stair nose to the wall.

If you have access to KNet you will be able to view 'Templates', this is an application to enable workers to use pre-set drawings to attach to your referral. 'Templates' has a section dedicated to stairways showing all the different types and styles.

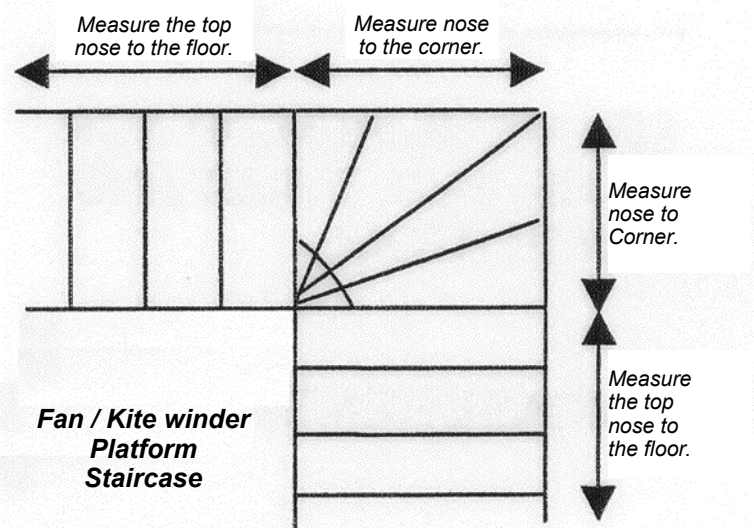


Banister rails are available with a diameter of 50mm (2") and these are fitted as standard. In special circumstances a smaller 32mm (1¼") diameter rail may be requested i.e. paediatric use or for people with limited grip.

Additional rails should be fitted at the same height as the existing. If no rail exists then take the measurement from the floor to the customers wrist joint when they are standing with their arms straight by their side.

Horizontal rails may be required on landings these should be at a height of 840mm to 900mm (33" to 35½").

Banister rails are provided in pine only and sanded smooth, any finish required is the responsibility of the customer.



Stair Rail Supports / Stanchions

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Stair rails supports (also known as Medway rails or Norwood Stanchions) are used on stairways where fixing bannister rails directly to the wall is not possible i.e. Plasterboard ('Dot & Dab' and 'Stud') or Lath & Plaster walls. They can be fitted on either the left or right side of the stairs.

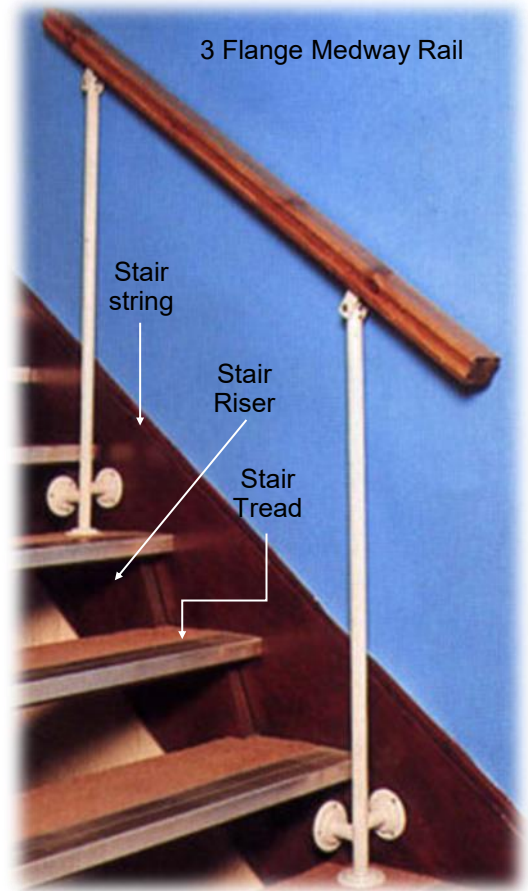
They are designed to be fixed on all three flanges; they are not designed to be installed on open stairs with no riser or on open plan stairs as a substitute for where the original newel posts and balustrade has been removed.

A two flanged version is also available, this is for use on flat areas i.e. landings, corridors.

Norwood Stanchions may not be able to be used on sections of stairs that have fan / kite winders, in which case battening may be required.

Battening cannot be installed on Lath & Plaster walls, Norwood Rails on straight sections of stairway would be the only option in this instance.

Battening is not offered as alternative to Stanchions, it will only be use when it is not technically feasible to install Stanchions.



Please note: The picture shows a staircase without a riser— Norwood Stanchions cannot be used in this instance as all fixing flanges must be used.

Newel Rails

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Left Hand Newel Rail

Newel rails fit on the newel post at either the top, middle or the bottom of the stairs and enable the customer to turn the corners on stairs safely.

They are available in either left or right sided. This is always referenced ascending the staircase.



Right Hand Newel Rail

Drop-Down Rails

Folding Rail with Support Leg

Must be fixed to a solid wall

Rail Diameter: 25mm (1")

Back Plate: 260mm x 100mm (10¼" x 4")

Rail Length: 750mm (29½")

Height (adjustable by 25mm (1") increments):
755mm (29¾") to 855mm (33½")

Weight Limit: 136Kg (21 Stone)



Folding Rail with Support Leg

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Floor Mounted Folding Rail

Floor Mounted Folding Rail

An adjustable height folding rail, which is mounted on a floor fixing post.

Rail Diameter: 25mm (1")

Floor Plate: 250 x 150mm (10 x 6")

Floor to Post Height: 1110mm (44").

Rail Length: 760mm (29½") or 550mm (21¾")

Weight Limit: 127Kg (20 Stone)

Half Surrey Rail

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Height: 725mm (28¼")

Depth: 525mm (20½")

Maximum Load: 190Kg (30 Stone)

Left or Right Handed

Floor Fixed

Universal Weston Toilet Rail

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The Weston Rail is an alternative support aid to the standard toilet frame but it must be screwed to the floor.



Can be used singularly or bi-laterally

Powder coated steel tube.

Must be screwed to the floor.

Fixed height (Lower end) - 640mm (25")

Fixed height (Higher end) - 740mm (29")

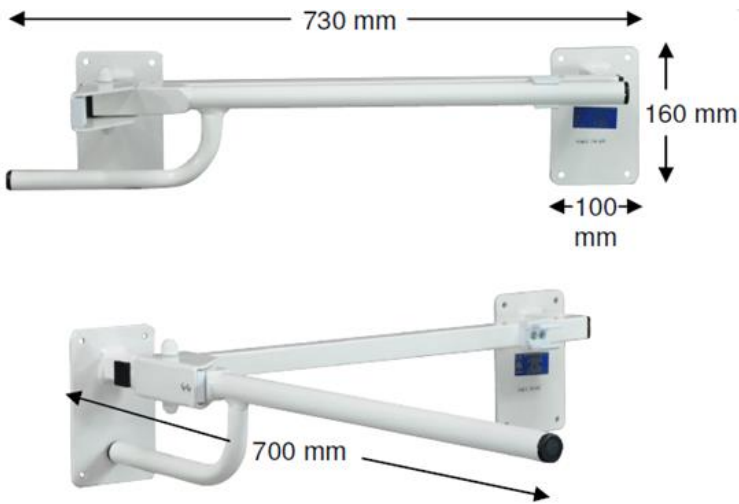
Depth: 530mm (20¾")

Alvin Rail

The 'Alvin Rail' helps the user rise from a seated to a standing position.

Ideal for when situated next to the bed or toilet.

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Available for Left or Right sided
Maximum Load: 76Kg (12 Stone)

Dimensions:

Plate: 160mm x 100mm (6¼" x 4")

Width on Wall: 730mm (28¾")

Depth from Wall (Extended): 700mm (27½")

Must be fixed to a solid wall

Swedish Bath Rail

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Provides a firm handle just above the side of the bath, to assist with getting in and out.



Handle is angled inwards, so directly over the bath rim.

The clamping arms can be adjusted in height and opening width. The bath rim is protected on both sides by non-slip rubber pads.

Base plate of the rail must be screwed to the floor.

Handle height: 545mm to 745mm (21½" to 29")

Floor to bath rim: 350mm to 590mm (13¾" to 23")

Length of handle: 175mm (7")

Base plate: 25 x 265mm (1" x 10½")

Clamp range: 35mm to 95mm (1½" - 3½")

Wall Mounted Heavy Duty Bath Board

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Plastic coated steel construction

Wall mounting plate ensures secure seating position

Lifts up from bath

Seat length: 695mm (27½")

Seat depth: 300mm (12")

Maximum User Weight 190kg (30st)



Floor to Ceiling Poles

- NHS
- CEAx
- Fast Track

Floor to Ceiling Pole

Tube Diameter: 35mm (1¼")

Max. Height: 2700mm (106¼")

Requires cutting to size

Floor to Ceiling Pole with Support Bar

Tube Diameter: 35mm (1¼")

Max. Height: 2700mm (106¼")

With 500mm (19½") support bar at 900mm (35½") high

Support bar requires fixing to wall

Requires cutting to size



Wall to Floor Fixed Rail

- NHS
- CEAx
- Fast Track

Floor Fixed

Grooved grip

Can be used either way up

Height: 760mm (30")

Width: 730mm (28¾")



Wall to Floor Fixed Rail

'D' Rail

Suitable for indoor or outdoor use

Highly versatile — Can be used either way up

White powder coated tubular steel frame

Height: 640mm (25")

Depth: 510mm (20")

Tube Diameter: 25mm (1")

Ideal for use with one or two shallow steps. In some circumstances this may be an ideal alternative to be used in place of a small galvanised rail.

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Wall Mounted Folding Shower Seat with Legs



Height: 475mm-545mm (18³/₄" - (21¹/₂")

Seat width: 360mm (14")

Seat depth: 280mm (11")

Depth to Wall: 370mm (14¹/₂")

Backplate Dimensions: 105mm x 360mm (4" x 14")

Maximum load: 159Kg (25 Stone)

Must be fixed to a solid wall

Adjustable feet

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Wall Mounted Shower Seat with Back & Arms



Wall fixed seat for use in shower area.

Folds up when not in use.

Padded seat.

Padded, hinged, armrests.

Padded back.

Adjustable leg height.

Height: 475mm - 605mm (18³/₄" - 23³/₄")

Total width: 610mm (24")

Total depth: 500mm (19³/₄")

Seat width: 465mm (18¹/₄")

Seat depth: 380mm (15")

Maximum load: 160Kg (25 Stone)

Must be fixed to a solid wall

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Please note: Due to its size, this shower seat is not suitable for use in a small standard size shower cubicle.

Chair, Sofa & Bed Raising Equipment

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There are many different types of chairs, sofas & beds available. It is important that we know what style it is, the type of legs or feet it has and also the number of legs or feet (beds will sometimes have additional support in the middle).

Knowing this information will enable the Technician to take the correct item of equipment to raise the piece of furniture quickly and easily.

Filling out the online CTS57 referral correctly will capture all the required information.

Over the next few pages we will see all the different type of raisers that the County Technician Service provide and fit. This is only a guide as the Technician will make the decision of which raiser will be most suitable for the type of furniture to be raised.



Please Note:

It is the policy of the County Technician Service to raise only one chair or sofa and one bed per customer.

The Technician will also select the appropriate raiser to raise the furniture using the most modest & practicable solution.

Reclining Chairs



The Technician Service may be able to raise reclining chairs (see raiser below), this is however dependent on the base frame. The Technician will assess the suitability of the furniture and provide if able and safe to do so.

Please note that we will not consider raising riser recliners.



Morris Recliner Raiser

Dimensions between feet
(Diagonal):
Min—555mm (21¾")
Max—1040mm (41")

CR-C3:
100mm to 180mm (4" to 7")

CR-C3S:
50mm to 80mm (2" to 3¼")

Weight Limit:
508Kg (80 Stone)

Furniture we are Unable to Raise

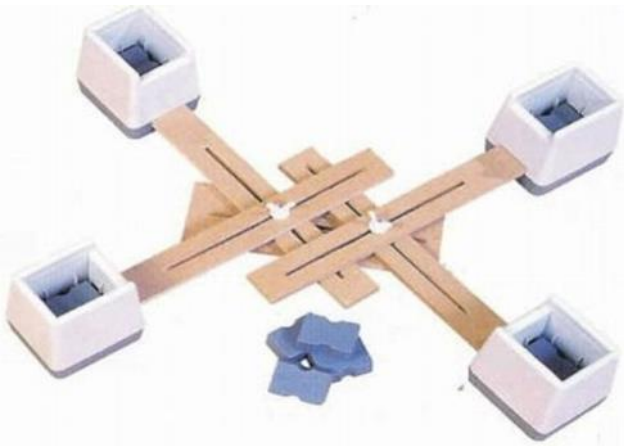


We are unable to raise Sofa Beds

Corner Sofa's

The Technician Service, in some circumstances, may be able to raise corner sofas. Normally, the part the user sits on would be considered in the first instance and raised. Sometimes it is not possible to raise the whole unit, due to weight and access around the furniture.

Langham Linked Chair Raiser



Maximum leg diameter:
63mm (2½")

Maximum chair size:
785mm x 685mm (31" x 27")

Height Raise:
50mm, 75mm or 100mm (2", 3" or 4")

Weight Limit:
254Kg (40 Stone)

Langham 'K200' & 'K300' Raiser

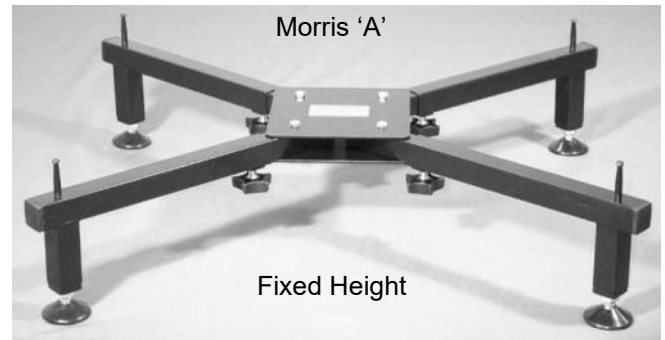


Fits Leg Up To:
K200 – 50mm (2") & K300 – 63mm (2½")

Adjustable Height Raise:
25mm, 50mm & 75mm (1", 2" & 3")

Weight Limit:
190Kg (30 Stone)
per set of four (Chair Application)
380Kg (60 Stone)
per set of four/six (Bed Application)

Morris Chair Raiser



Min / Max dimensions between feet (Diagonally):
610mm (24") / 1090mm (42")

Fixed Height Raise:
75mm to 114mm (3" to 4½")

Adjustable Height:
75mm to 178mm (3" to 7")

Weight Limit:
520Kg (80 Stone)

Alexander Universal Chair/Settee Raiser



Width Adjustment:
430mm to 840mm (17" to 33")

Maximum Leg Diameter: 63mm (2½")

Height Raise:
85mm to 125mm (3½" to 5")

Weight Limit: 640Kg (100 Stone) per pair

Morris Settee Raiser

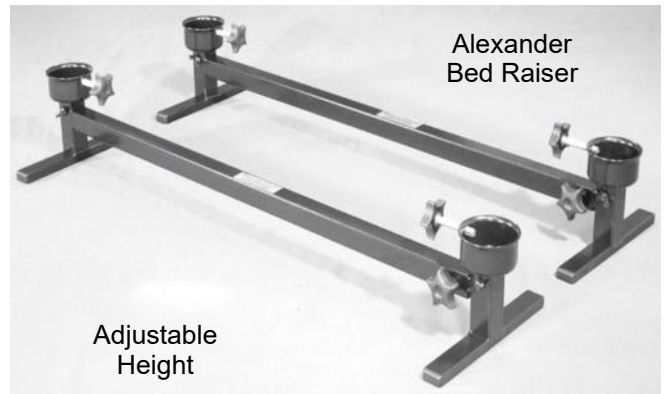


Width Adjustment:
610mm to 1020mm (24" to 40")

Height Raise:
89mm to 127mm (3½" - 5")

Weight Limit:
640Kg (100 Stone) per pair

Alexander Universal Bed Raiser



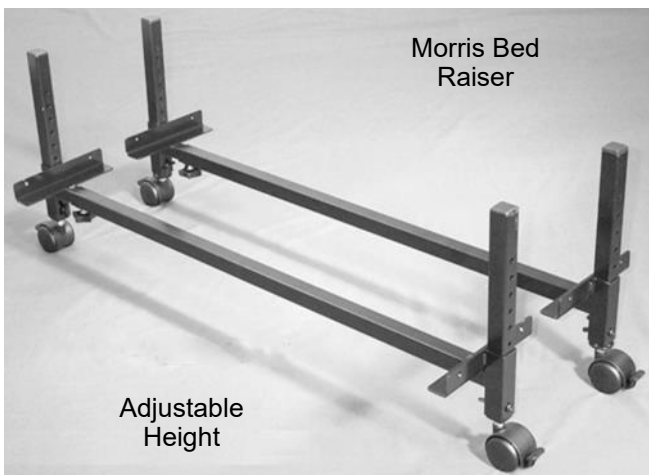
Width Adjustment:
850mm to 1250mm (33½" to 50")

Maximum Leg Diameter: 63mm (2½")

Height Raise:
85mm to 125mm (3½" to 5")

Weight Limit: 640Kg (100 Stone) per pair

Morris Adjustable Bed Raiser

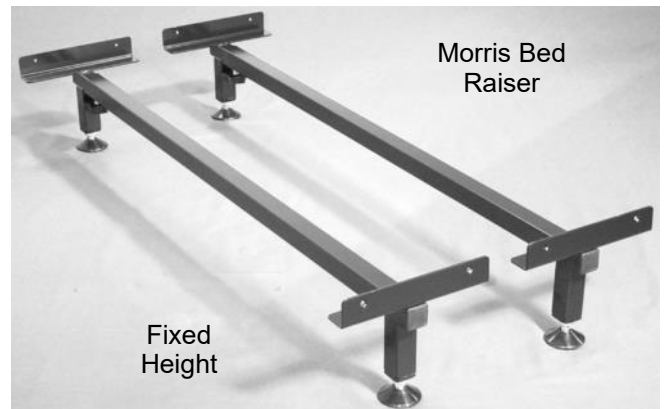


Width Adjustment:
890mm to 1630mm (35" to 64¼")

Height Raise:
75mm to 280mm (3" to 11")

Weight Limit:
190Kg (30 Stone) per pair

Morris Bed Raiser



Width Adjustment:
890mm to 1630mm (35" to 64¼")

Height Raise:
89mm to 127mm (3½" to 5")

Weight Limit:
640Kg (100 Stone) per pair

Accessories for Alexander Raisers



Extender Bar



Twin Cup



Square Cup
(Small)



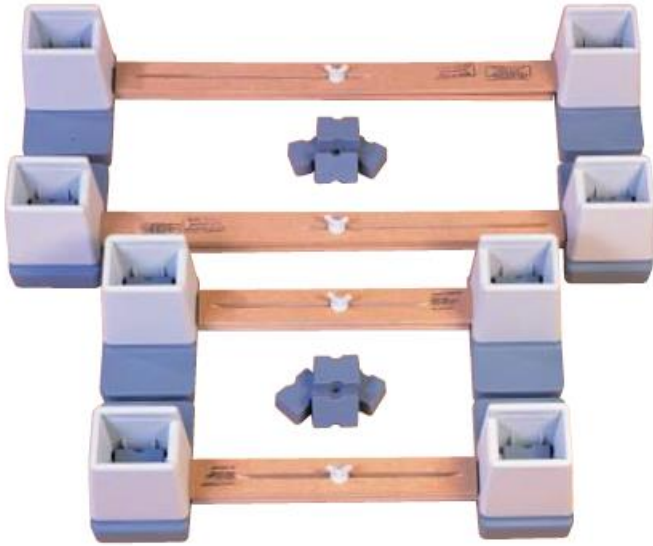
Square Cup
(Large)



Angle Bracket



Flat Plate



NLP129 Langham Linked Bed Raiser

Maximum leg diameter:
70mm (2¾")

Maximum bed size:
NLP129 Short
Fits bed width 610mm x 890mm (24" x 35")
NLP129
Fits bed width 914mm x 1460mm (36" x 57½")

Height Raise:
63mm, 89mm or 114mm (2½", 3¾" or 4½")

Weight Limit:
500Kg (78 Stone) per pair

Langham Multi-Purpose Raiser



Height Raise:
75mm, 95mm, 115mm, 135mm or 155mm (3",
3¾", 4½", 5¼" or 6")

Weight Limit:
500Kg (78 Stone) per pair

Accessories for the Langham Multi-Purpose Raiser



Spreader Bar



Clip On Section



Wing Nut, Bolt & Washer

Medeci MFR1 Furniture Raiser



Fits Leg Up To 70mm (2¾")

Overall Height adjusts from:

100mm (4") to 176mm (7")

Various Raises Possible Using Different Attachments Supplied:
50mm (2") to 150mm (6")

Weight Limit: 500Kg (78 Stone) per set of 4

Medeci MLA1 Link Arm Assembly

2 Sizes of Link Bar Available:
400mm (15¾") & 1000mm (59½")

Configurations

MLA1 with 400mm (15¾") link bar:
Min - 400mm x 400mm (15¾" x 15¾")
Max - 1000mm x 700mm (39½" x (27½"))

MLA1 with 1000mm (39½") link bar:
Min - 1000mm x 400mm (39½" x 15¾")
Max - 1600mm x 700mm (63" x (27½"))

Pairs of raisers (in straight line)
without link bar:
Max - 900mm (35½")

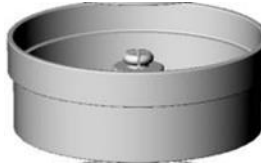
Pairs of raisers (in straight line)
with 400mm (15¾") link bar:
Max - 1270mm (50")

Pairs of raisers (in straight line)
with 1000mm (59½") link bar:
Max - 1900mm (75")

Medeci CFR2 Clip & Stack Furniture Raiser



Disk with adhesive pad



Clip on section



Push on soft adaptor for laminate or tiled floors



Suitable for Furniture with Legs:
65mm (2½") round or larger
45mm (1½") square or larger

Adjustable Height Raise:
13mm (½"), 38mm (1½"),
63mm (2½") & 88mm (3½")

Weight Limit, per set of 4: 500Kg (78 Stone)



ML1A Link Assembly



Plastic & Metal Half Steps

- NHS
- CEAx
- Fast Track



Standard Plastic Step

The purpose of a half step is to reduce the height of an existing step. It is important to look at both the customer and the environment. Check that step doesn't block rights of way or access to facilities, i.e. dustbin, side entrance, rights of way.

For safety the half step should be large enough to enable the customer to stand firmly, this should be approximately 1½ times their foot size. If using stick or walking aid the depth should be increased to accommodate this, we recommend a minimum of 760mm (30"), but ideally 1000mm (39").

Plastic Half Step

Width: 754mm (29½")

Depth: 444mm (17½")

Height: Min 100mm (4") - Max 125mm (5")

Maximum Weight: 215KG (34st)

Security clamps for floor fixing to aid safe use

Fixed height 100mm (4") non-fixed version also available (not for use with integral rails, a fixed step should be used in this instance).

If the half step is in front of a door which opens outwards the size will also need to be increased.

When providing a step, a grab rail, 'D' rail or a step with an integral rail could be beneficial to aid mobilisation.



Standard Half Step with Integral handles

Large Metal Half Step

- NHS
- CEAx
- Fast Track

Width: 900mm (35½")

Depth: 750mm (30")

Height: Min 75mm (3") - Max 125mm (5")

Maximum Weight: 250KG (39st)

Security clamps for floor fixing to aid safe use.

Caution:

To ensure safety when in use, it is the policy of the County Technician Service to fix down all steps unless they are designed to be free standing by the manufacturer. A fixed step should always be considered in the first instance.



Giant Metal Half Step

Aluminium Threshold Ramps

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Available in 2 sizes
Fully adjustable feet
Max Height: 34mm (1¼") & 67mm (2½")
Depth: 205mm (8") & 300mm (11¾")
Width: 800mm (31½")
Weight Limit: 250Kg (39 Stone)



Aluminium Threshold Ramps

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30mm (1¼") high



50mm (2") high



75mm (3") high

Available in 3 sizes:

155mm (6") deep x 30mm (1¼") high
220mm (8½") deep x 50mm (2") high
310mm (12") deep x 75mm (3") high

Width: 760mm (30")

Max Load: 158Kg (24st)

Threshold ramps are only suitable for small thresholds—generally up to 75mm (3") high.

'EZ' Clip Together Threshold Ramp

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Each section is fitted together, giving a 25mm (1") raise, the lip is then slid onto the last section and is fixed into place via two holes.



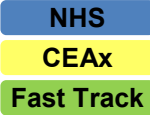
A versatile threshold ramp supplied in 3 sections.

Width: 864mm (34").

Depth: Each section is 127mm (5"), All three sections are 381mm (15").

Height: Minimum of 50mm (1") up to a maximum of 76mm (3").

Rubber Internal Threshold Ramps



A ideal solution to small internal level changes.

Available in 3 sizes:

6mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ ") high x 60mm ($2\frac{1}{2}$ ") deep
10mm ($\frac{1}{2}$ ") high x 100mm (4") deep
16mm ($\frac{3}{4}$ ") high x 150mm (6") deep

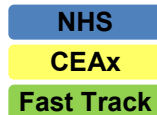
Width: 900mm ($35\frac{1}{2}$ ")

Max Load: 300Kg (47st)

Synthetic rubber and easy to trim



Rubber Threshold Ramp



A versatile rubber mat that can be cut, sawn and planned to fit most thresholds

Made from recycled tyres

Heavy duty

Non-Slip

Bevelled on three sides

2 sizes available

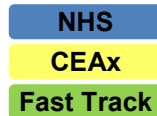
Width: 1000mm ($39\frac{1}{2}$ ") or 1270mm (50")

Depth: 350mm ($13\frac{3}{4}$ ") or 305mm (12")

Height (Max): 37mm ($1\frac{1}{2}$ ") or 45mm ($1\frac{3}{4}$ ")



Over Threshold Ramps



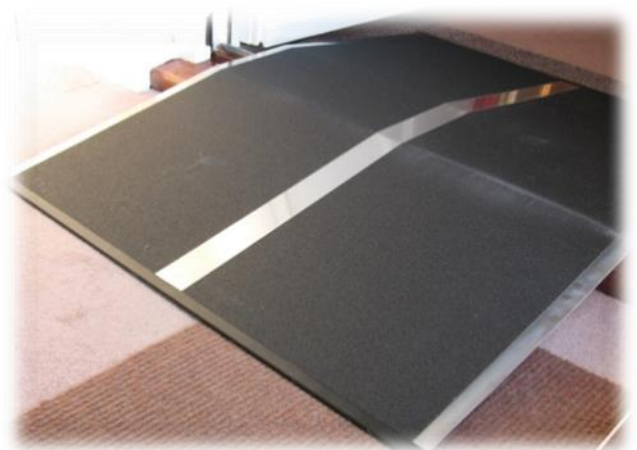
Width: 690mm ($27\frac{1}{4}$ ")

Depth: 900mm ($35\frac{1}{2}$ ")

Max height: 60mm ($2\frac{3}{8}$ ")

Max load: 130Kg (20 Stone)

Floor must be the same height either side of threshold



Over ramps are only suitable for small thresholds—generally up to 60mm ($2\frac{3}{8}$ ") high.

4ft Fixed Aluminium Ramp



A versatile, height adjustable metal ramp

Floor fixed for safety and security

Width: 780mm (30") Length: 1200mm (48")
(Other lengths available—Contact the Senior Technician to discuss)

Height: Min 75mm (3")-Max 230mm (9")

Maximum Weight: 400KG (62st)



Please Note:
Maximum height to achieve 1:12 gradient should be no more than 100mm (4")

Roll Out Rubber Matting



The roll out Trackway is a special rubber matting which allows you to provide an easy access route for wheelchairs which is both firm and grips well.

Simple to set up.

Can even be left in place to provide a semi-permanent remedy.

Can be used on gravel, grass and other uneven surfaces.

Width: 910mm (35¾")

Roll Length: 2550mm (100")



This is a specialist item and will therefore require Team assessment.

Bespoke Wooden Items



This is a specialist item and will therefore require Team assessment and discussion with the Senior Technician.

Sometimes multiple steps, infills or threshold ramps may need to be provided, however these are bespoke items.

Due to the complexity and costs of these items it is recommended that these are referred to the local team for assessment and that the Senior Technicians are contacted to discuss available and possible options.

Galvanised Hand Rails

NHS

CEAx

Fast Track

A galvanised rail is considered when a user is unsafe on steps but ambulant, where a user needs to be independent in gaining access to / egress from their property, where a user has sufficient grip to use a rail and where more than one step is involved and therefore a grab rail is insufficient (Grab rails or a 'D rail should be considered for single steps or small double steps).



A galvanised rail is provided for stepped areas only (at the time of writing the Family Mosaic / HIA service can provide galvanised rails for paths or slopes and for additional rails, although they will make a charge for this service. Alternatively, customers can source their own contractor).



When requesting a galvanised rail, ensure that it does not interfere with drains, manholes etc. or block others or public rights of way, side entrances or bins.

Identify the best position and location, normally only one access is considered. Identify the most appropriate side for the rail, as a rail on one side only will be provided, exceptions to this are where a customer has a condition which impairs function on one side of the body i.e. CVA and would therefore require a rail on both sides. Rails are usually fixed onto the wall and into the ground, rails can be floor fixed at both ends if the wall or door frame is not suitable.



Rail measurements vary according to the environment and the customers circumstances. The average height is usually 915mm (36"). The rail should be extended horizontally beyond the top step and the bottom step if possible by approximately 305mm (12").

Check the rail will not interfere with drains or block rights of way.

A galvanised rail is provided only on steps and not lengths of path.

A galvanised rail is provided on one side only (unless customer has a one side weakness).

Step Edging Strips

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Fast Track

Bright yellow for visibility

Non-slip

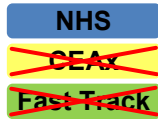
Length: 600mm (23⁵/₈"

For use on concrete or wooden half-steps



As an alternative the Technician may consider painting white lines to highlight stepped areas. This is weather dependent and can only be undertaken in fine weather .

Wooden Safety Gate



Custom made to measure
Natural pine finish
Fitted with a bolt



Door Intercom System



Door Intercoms are provided for customers who need physical assistance getting out of bed / chair, or need to transfer from chair to wheelchair to reach the door, and needs independence in admitting callers. Customers must have a good understanding and the physical dexterity sufficient to use the system safely.

Types of Provision:

Intercom only (not supplied by KCC): - This enables the person inside the home to hold a conversation with the caller outside. These can be purchased quite cheaply from external outlets.

Door intercom with lock: - This is attached to the front door frame and fits around an appropriate lock. If you wish to admit the caller, the door lock can be released automatically by press button. (NB): Door intercoms with locks can be fitted to some uPVC doors, but not doors with lever handles.



Wireless
Battery Powered
Good Range
No unsightly cables

This is a specialist item and will therefore require Team assessment.

Enquiries

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