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## The Emergency Chairs Meet the Requirements for the NFPA

**SEBASTOPOL, CA** – The Emergency Chair is a simple and safe device for evacuating mobility impaired persons up and down stairwells.

An article in an issue of the NFPA Journal clearly defines what type of equipment is necessary to properly evacuate disabled persons in an emergency situation.



The Emergency Chair, The Glider and The BabyScatt all meet these basic guidelines. We must emphasize that our Emergency Chairs are the only product on the market specifically designed to evacuate both up and down stairs. This is very important because every emergency situation is different. It is possible that an evacuation may include people in the basement thus creating the need for relocation upstairs. The following paragraph simply states the basic requirements for equipping your building with evacuation devices where stairs are involved.

***“Determine appropriate equipment depending on the type of building and its obstacles, such as stairs. Certain equipment and signage may be needed. For example, portable lightweight evacuating chairs may be needed to help wheelchair users up and down stairs. Ramps can be helpful in negotiating one or two steps.”***

Wheelchairs should never be used to traverse stairs during an emergency evacuation. This article also makes a point to mention that all places of public accommodation are legally required to “provide alternative means for clients with mobility impairments to be safely evacuated...without using the elevator”

The article also covers these key points of safely evacuating:

- ***Knowing your liability***
- ***Developing a plan for evacuation***
- ***Knowing your buildings specific needs***
- ***Equipment***
- ***Staff Training***
- ***Coordinate with local emergency personnel.***



The BabyScatt model 1460