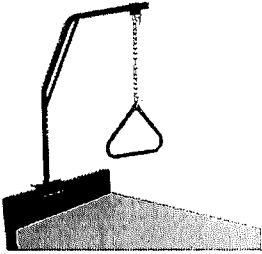


## *Trapeze Bars*



**PURPOSE:** A trapeze bar is intended to provide the patient with a means of self help to change position in bed to move onto a bedpan, to move from the bed to a commode, or to transfer to and from a wheelchair with minimal help from an attendant.

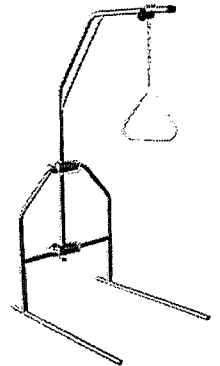
Both patient and caregivers should give careful consideration to the adjustment of the grab bar position. This will prevent the need to loosen the clamps to re-adjust the trapeze bar later. Damage, such as stripped threads or fractured clamps, can result in equipment failure and serious injury to the user.

All camps should be checked daily to ensure that they are securely tightened. Do not forget, however, the potential damage done by excessive tightening can result in danger to the patient.

When the head of the bed is elevated or when the caregiver is working with the patient in bed, the triangular grab bar can be placed out of the way by hooking it over the upper end of the offset bar and slid back toward the head of the bed.

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES FOR SPECIAL MODELS:**

If your trapeze bar is installed on a floor stand (free standing), rather than being installed directly onto the head of the bed, you should be aware that it is not secured to the bed and may shift if pulled horizontally instead of vertically.



**IMPORTANT:** Please discontinue the use, and call our office immediately, in the event the Trapeze Bar ever becomes loose or unstable in any way.