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Foreword

This British Standard has been based on performance requirements rather than on requirements for materials. The performance requirements in this standard are based on the results of tests carried out on various mobile patient-lifting devices that were known to have given satisfactory service.

A wide variety of accessories is available for use with lifting devices and they cover a large range of operations. The advantages and disadvantages of the various systems are considered to be a matter for nursing, medical and paramedical advisers. The committee responsible for this standard considered that, for the purpose of this specification, the variety of circumstances and environments in which lifting devices are used precludes their specification in detail.

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