White Lodge provides services that enable those with a range of disabilities, their families and carers to lead fulfilling lives.



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For Adult Carers Support call 0303 040 1234 or email CarerSupport@actionforcarers.org.uk

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Looking for support or advice?

If you provide care in Guildford, Waverley, Mole Valley, Tandridge, **Reigate or Banstead** call us on 0303 040 1234 or email movingandhandling@ actionforcarers.org.uk

If you provide care in **Epsom &** Ewell, Elmbridge, Runnymede, Spelthorne, Woking or **Surrey Heath** call us on 01932 577993 or email MHadvisors@ whitelodgecentre.co.uk



Together providing safe moving and handling solutions for carers in Surrey

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Providing safe moving and handling solutions for carers across Surrey

A FREE SERVICE



Are you a carer or about to become one?

Carers look after family, partners or friends in need of help because they have a physical or mental illness, are frail or have a disability. They should not be confused with paid care workers.

You may be looking after an adult or child who requires assistance with daily living activities.

Moving and handling someone means that you are there to assist the person with some support or in providing full assistance with tasks that they are unable to complete alone.

Moving and handling tasks can include:

- Assisting with bed or chair transfers
- Personal hygiene
- Dressing
- Wheelchair transfers
- Car transfers
- Using a hoist or other equipment

Avoid the risk of damage to your own health

We are vulnerable to injury at any age. It is not dependant on how capable or strong we think we are. The effects of poor moving and handling can potentially build up over time and result in some of the following problems:

- Increased tiredness
- Acute or long-term pain or discomfort
- Reduction or loss of mobility
- Soft tissue injury
- Joint/ligament strain or injury
- Back injury
- Potential damage to you or the person you are caring for
- Inability to work, be active or care

What we can offer to support you:

- Visits to your home or the place where you do your caring
- Tailor-made solutions to your individual caring situation
- Short-term loan of small handling equipment
- Training on use of handling equipment
- Support at a pace which enables you to feel safe and confident
- Referral to other support services
- Advocacy on your behalf
- Liaison with other professionals
- Signposting to other services

