

Stair Lifts – Useful Information

A stair lift is a motorized chair that travels along a rail mounted to the treads of stairs. There are two types of stair lifts, a straight stair lift and a curved stair lift. A straight stair lift is installed for a single, straight flight of stairs that has no turns or landings. A curved stair lift is installed for stairs that feature a turn or curve, an intermediate landing, any change in direction or angle of incline for the full length of the stairs.



Stair lifts are fixed on to the stair tread not on to the wall. They will typically have a motorised footplate which turns automatically at the top of the stairs.

The grant will fund five years warranty and servicing for a new stair lift. After this expires you will need to fund a new service plan or pay to repair any breakdowns yourself. If you rent your landlord will be responsible for future maintenance unless they discuss with you otherwise.

Typically it takes 2-4 weeks for a straight stair lift to be manufactured and fitted and it will take 6-8 weeks from a re measure to manufacture and fit a curved stair lift.

In the future should you wish for the stair lift to be removed then this will need to be paid for by you or your landlord if you are a tenant.