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| **Risk**  **Criteria** | **Low** | **Medium** | **High** | **Very High** |
| 1. **Handling Risk Factors** | 1. Indirect (open) holds taken 2. Appropriate level of support provided | 1. Some direct holds (gripping) taken which could lead to excessive force being applied 2. Inappropriate level of support provided to the person, particularly too much. | 1. Use of holds that could lead to being ‘locked’ onto the person, including;    * Holding under the persons axilla / Palm to palm thumb holds / enabling the person to hold onto your neck, torso and/or arm    * Examples include using the above holds to help a person sit forwards and walking linked arms with a person 2. Inappropriate level of support provided to the person, particularly too little, potentially not enough people involved | * 1. Use of High Risk (Controversial) Techniques.   - These can be defined as ‘techniques that involve lifting all or most of the person’s weight’, and include - Drag lift (under arm hook); Orthodox Lift (cradle lift); Through Arm Lift (top and tail); Australian Lift (shoulder lift); Straight Lift  - Examples include using the above holds to ‘drag’ a person up the bed and bodily lifting a person into standing |
| 1. **Personal Movement Risk Factors** | 1. Rarely adopts top heavy postures 2. Rarely adopts twisted postures | 1. Occasionally (less than half the activity) adopts/sustains top heavy postures 2. Occasionally (less than half the activity) adopts/sustains twisted postures | 1. Frequently moves into top heavy postures (bending) and/or adopts prolonged top heavy postures 2. Frequently moves into twisted postures and/or adopts prolonged twisted postures | Not assessed – assessment stopped due to evidence of High Risk (Controversial) Technique being used |
| 1. **Other Risk Factors** | 1. Good verbal communication with person including explanation of task to be performed 2. Good preparation of the environment | 1. Some verbal communication, limited in explanatory content 2. Environment appropriate for task however further preparation required | 1. Very little verbal communication with person, no explanation of the task to be performed 2. Environment inappropriate for proposed task, that is, no attempt made to alter either the environment (e.g. move bed, chair, cables) or task (e.g. change plan) | Not assessed – assessment stopped due to evidence of High Risk (Controversial) Technique being used |