



The Stairclimber People – Case Study

“Tech” turns a risky process into a safe, pleasurable experience for Katie

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Something as simple as a powered device to get up and down stairs has transformed the routine but potentially dangerous process for the Harries family.

Teenager Katie- who has Cerebral Palsy, cortical visual impairment and suffers from epilepsy- had grown to the extent that her parents were struggling to safely carry her up and down stairs to/from bed.

Whilst waiting for their home to be adapted to cope with her needs, and those of her triplet siblings who also have special needs, they were becoming desperate for a means to undertake the transfer without risk to either Katie or themselves.

Having seen the AAT stairclimber at an exhibition, the family approached their Occupational Therapist to see if it would be a solution. An in-depth free assessment by AAT has resulted in our S-Max Sella being judged a practical, necessary, reasonable and appropriate answer, accessorised with a harness.



“We really needed something to tide us over whilst the adaptation went through. It was getting to the point we wouldn’t be able to carry Katie up and down stairs,” explains Katie’s mother Sarah.

“When Katie first tried it, she thought it was brilliant. It seems like a fairground ride to her! AAT advised that the stairclimber be accessorised with a harness to properly support Katie and ensure she was safe. It has removed the risk for Katie and risk of injury to ourselves from the whole process.”

Find out more about our S-Max Sella stairclimber here:

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