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CHOOSING A WALK IN BATH

Walk in baths can look like a great option if you are struggling to get in and out of your existing bath, but often there are better/cheaper solutions.

Remember with a walk in bath, you will have to be in the bath before you can fill it, and you will have to wait until it is empty before you get out. You are often in a seated position, which means you are only partially submerged in the water.

We would always recommend you discuss your needs with an Occupational Therapist who can offer advice on all your options.

If you do wish to install a walk in bath you may wish to consider these points:

- Have you checked the alternatives before removing your present bath?
- Can you try before you buy?
- Have you checked prices and styles with more than one company?
- Will the bath go through your door and upstairs if necessary?
- Will the door leak? Particularly if you have chosen an outward opening door. Look for a solid door with at least three hinges and latches and ask for a guarantee.
- If the door opens inwards can you get past easily?
- Can you manage the door locking mechanism?
- Are the taps thermostatically controlled?
- Is your bathroom warm? You will have to sit in the bath while it fills and empties.
- Can you manage the step into this bath?
- Is your water pressure good? How long does it take the bath to empty and fill?
- How much water will it take to fill the bath?

- Does your water tank hold enough?
- Does the company provide a good specifications/information sheet about their bath?
- Do they offer a service/maintenance contract?
- Check the after sales service. How quickly can they attend call out and what will they charge you. Remember many companies do not realise how far North we are in Moray.

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