Caregiver Challenges with Safe Patient Handling & Movement

The following list cites examples of common challenges caregivers face in dealing with patients/residents/ supported individuals with regard to Safe Patient Handling & Movement. The list is by no means exhaustive and is intended to stimulate the thought process in having you, the caregiver, offer your own unique or similar challenges as part of the introduction to our Safe Patient Handling & Movement workshop.

Safe Patient Handling & Movement Caregiver Challenges List	
O Repositioning in wheelchair	O Toileting needs
O Boosting/turning patient in bed	O Raising patients from the floor
O Applying support hose	O Not enough training on equipment
O Crossing bedroom to bathroom (or other room) entry threshold	O Horizontal transfers from one surface to another
O Helping the individual into/out of a vehicle	 Other caregivers are not supportive of using lifts when I want to
O Lifting/storing a wheelchair in a vehicle	O Not enough staff available to obtain assistance with transfers
O Bed to chair/chair to bed transfers	O Lifting limbs or pannus for hygiene needs
O Sponge bathing (in bed)	○ Showering/bathing
O Assisting with dressing/undressing a patient	O Making up a bed with or without a person in it
O Using a floor lift safely	O Maneuvering patient lifts on ramps or carpets
O Slings a. Applying slings b. Selecting slings c. Not enough available / Can't find them d. Laundry issues	O Patient lift equipment issues a. Equipment in disrepair b. Sharing or having to wait for equipment c. Storage d. Can't get lifts in patient rooms/ bathrooms e. Batteries not charged
O Transfers from low beds	O Ambulating a patient
Patients that present special challenges:	

