

Setting: A group home with mentally handicapped clients who have a history of being very hard on the equipment. All the clients use this particular bathroom, including one who is visually impaired.

Need: A toilet safety frame had been installed on the toilet, but kept getting pulled loose making it hazardous. It was also an obstacle for other clients. One client needed a very sturdy, stable and durable assist to allow him to push up and to use as a balance when standing by the toilet. Other clients needed the assist to be out of the way.

Issues: To reduce the risk of the visually impaired person hitting a stationary object, a floor to ceiling pole or a Devon rail were rejected as alternatives. There was concern that a Devon rail could be accidentally pulled down if someone grabbed it and cause an injury. The super pole with bar could be used by some but not all the clients could lift the horizontal bar to move it out of the way.

Problem Solved: A Linido hinged arm support which locks in the up position was installed into the wall. The Linido hinged arm support is available in 5 different lengths. The 700 mm (27.5") length was selected. There were no studs where the client needed the bar, so $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood was installed as backing onto the two studs on either side of the desired location. The arm support is available when needed and safely locked in the "up" position leaving the area clear when not required.

