**Activity 3: Safety factors for repositioning answers**

**Patient’s physical abilities**

* Current movement ability: standing, walking, sitting balance, head control, upper limb strength/movement.
* Difficulties with muscle strength or tone (e.g. muscular dystrophy).
* Stature (person’s body size or shape).
* Existing equipment (e.g. walking frame).
* Existing handling risks (e.g. previous moving issues).

**Medical and health conditions**

* History or risk of falls.
* History of seizures.
* Pain or discomfort.
* Skin injuries and current vulnerabilities.
* Attachments (e.g. catheters, false limbs).
* Involuntary movements (e.g. tremor).

**Communication and cognitive factors**

* Hearing or vision impairments.
* Communication barriers (patient and/or relatives).
* Comprehension difficulties or cognitive impairment (e.g. dementia).

**Behavioural, emotional or social needs**

* Behaviour (e.g. confused, aggressive).
* Cultural considerations.
* Patient or family preferences, opinions, and needs.
* Potential emotional, psychological and social impacts of the handling method or equipment used.

**Environmental factors**

* Space constraints.
* Height of working surfaces.
* Floor surface (e.g. uneven, unstable, slippery).
* Lighting.
* Temperature (affecting grip or dexterity).
* Other hazards (e.g. hoists through doorways, furniture in the way).