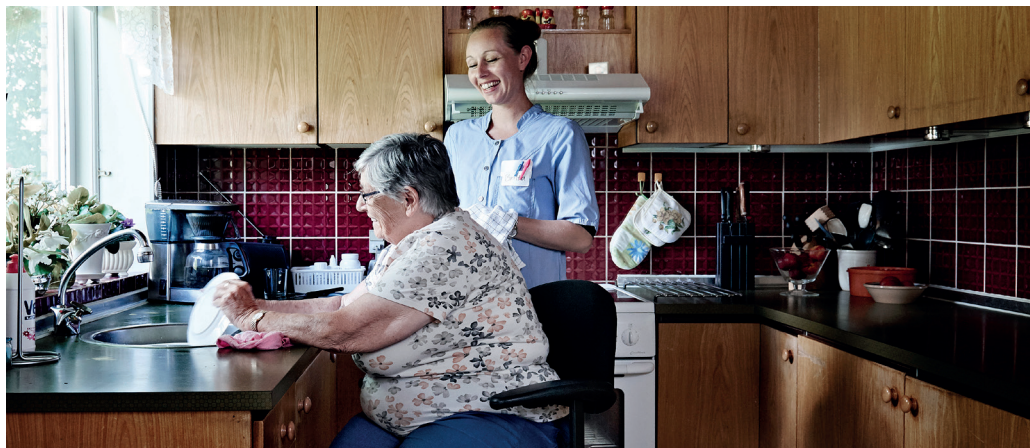




To regain independence



CASE STORY

USER:

Lilly Edith Pedersen,
83 years old

DISABILITY:

Arthritis

PLACE OF RESIDENCE:

Living in her own home

Lilly has arthritis which results in a significant impairment in her back, shoulders, hips and knees. Lilly is a short woman, only 142 cm (56 inches), which makes it difficult for her to achieve a good sitting position whilst maintaining a safe working position.

Her arthritis results in difficulty coping with everyday problems. She spends much of her time in the kitchen, where she also has her dining table. When Lilly needs to get around in the house she uses a walker for support.

Lilly can not operate an ordinary work chair with a gas spring because of her arthritis. Therefore she has been granted a chair with electrical operated seat height, the VELA Tango El.

Despite the fact that daily life was very difficult for Lilly, she had never thought that getting a work chair could relieve her and make her self-reliant again. Furthermore, she did not like to ask for help or be a burden. At last her children took the initiative to get consultancy regarding assistive technology that hopefully could support Lilly in her daily activities.

AN EASIER EVERYDAY LIFE

"It means a lot to me, to be able to carry out daily activities, as I've been used to all my life. Now, I make my own dinner for several days in advance, and it means the world to me, that I can peel my own potatoes. A good diet is important for obtaining a good life with arthritis - and it gives me an appetite to do something".

Lilly has obtained greater mobility with the VELA Tango El - and she has regained her independence. It is very important for Lilly, not being dependent on others for help.



LILLY ABOUT VELA TANGO 100EL



:: The chair is always in the kitchen. I use it for all kitchen work and also as a dining chair. I also use it whenever I sit at the dining table, doing something with my hands, e.g. such as crochet.

:: I appreciate the chair every day, especially when I work in the kitchen, even though there is not much room.

:: It is easy to adjust the seat to a height where I can cook, wash the dishes and reach the cupboards. It is nice to be able to do things by myself again. The chair relieves me, so I don't get as tired as before.

:: The chair allows me to get down low and up high with the electrical lift, to reach things in the cupboards.

:: The armrests are nice for resting my arms. Moreover, I use them as a support when I get up and sit down in the chair.