

# DFS – Motion Furniture Guide

Regardless of whether you opt for a leather recliner, fabric recliner, or sofa bed, correctly operating motion seating is vital to ensure ultimate comfort, and avoid any unfortunate accidents.

To enjoy your furniture safely, you need to be aware of the potential hazards and risks that come with any moving parts of the furniture. Continue reading, below, for advice and tips for staying safe with our motion seating furniture.

## How to safely operate your recliner sofa

Recliner sofas are one of the most popular types of motion seating, letting you truly put your feet up and unwind after a long day.

In this motion furniture guide, we will be detailing how you can enjoy that relaxation without running into any hazards at home. For example, like most motion seating, some parts of recliner sofas are clearly visible, but others are more obscured, still posing a danger to those using the furniture.

Above all else, we strongly advise that with any motion seating, you should always read and retain any product awareness and operational instructions. As well as these essential instructions, you should keep the following in mind to safely operate your recliner sofa:



### Unsupervised children

Do not allow children under the age of 4 to use motion seating. Children aged 4 and above should always be accompanied by a responsible adult. Similarly, children should not play with motion furniture, or be around motion furniture whilst operational. Recliner sofas are not a toy.



### Pets around recliner sofas

Like children, pets should be kept away from motion seating whilst operational or following a lengthy period of reclining, to avoid them being trapped in any of the moving parts.



### Placing fingers or body parts into accessible parts

Whether they're in use or not in use, be careful when interacting with the moving accessible parts of a recliner sofa, such as the footrest or sides and underneath mechanisms.



### Be aware of loose and tangling wires of electrical power cables

These are hazards and may cause an incident, such as an electrical fire or electric shock. It is advisable to unplug electrical motion seating when not in use and ensure that cables are not in, around, or under your furniture.



### Clean spillages

Clean up any spillages around electronics as these will lead to product damage and potentially cause electric shock or electrical fires. This is particularly important for electrically assisted recliner sofas.



### Furniture placement

Motion seating should always be disconnected prior to moving and placed on flat, even floor types. You can safely move furniture with glides. If you need to alter its position, please be mindful of your environment and floor coverings and correctly install modules following moving or cleaning the floor under the recliner sofa.



### **Do not attempt to open or fix**

Please avoid trying to open or fix electrical components. If any electrical components of your motion seating are not working, please call DFS customer service for technical consultation.



### **Handle any damaged components with care**

In the rare event of any battery or electrical issue resulting in an outburst or fire, please do not touch the components without appropriate personal protective handwear and clothing. For appropriate battery safety, dispose of these components accordingly to your surroundings. Please note that if DFS Trading Limited is being approached for the root cause of an issue, components will be required to enable a full investigation.

## **How to safely operate your electric or battery-powered recliner**

When choosing your recliner sofa or chair, you typically have two power-assisted options: electrical or battery-powered.

### **How to safely operate electric recliner sofas**

As electric recliner sofas need to be plugged into the mains to function, there are specific risks associated with this type of motion seating. For example, trailing wires can cause a tripping hazard.

Remember that all safety information will be found within the operating instructions and safety warnings provided with the product. However, you should also be aware of the following potential hazards when operating your electric recliner sofa or chair:

#### **Don't use multiple extensions**

Do not use multiple extension leads or overload plug sockets. If cables or device wires are trapped, impacted by motion seating, or chewed by pets, this may cause short circuiting, fires, or electric shock.

#### **Check wires before using or moving furniture**

If you move your recliner sofa, ensure that wires are tidy and not tangled. Any impact or wire entrapment may cause an electrical issue, or worst case, result in a fire or electric shock.

#### **Safely extinguish any fires**

In the case of electrical damage resulting from melting or a small fire, please ensure this is managed and extinguished correctly. Turn the electricity off at the mains if safe to do so and ensure that safety comes first when distinguishing any fire. Never use water on electrical fires.

#### **Technology advisories**

Smart technology comes in a wide variation, therefore, some devices that are charged by USB ports may or may not withstand a general 5 volt and 2.0-2.5 amp current output. In addition, not all phones are compatible with Wireless charging. Please read all electrical devices for safety information on the recommended output and compatibility.

## How to safely operate your battery recliner sofa

While perfectly safe when used correctly, battery pack recliner sofas have their own unique hazards to keep in mind. Misuse of battery packs can lead to overheating. Therefore, battery safety and charging responsibility should strictly be with a responsible adult.

Remember to consider the following potential hazards when operating your battery-pack recliner sofa or chair:

### Prevent overcharging

Always unplug batteries when fully charged. This helps prevent overcharging, which may result in overheating, shortening battery life, or even an outburst or fire. Please refer to user instructions for charging instructions to practice proper battery safety.

### Keep batteries charged

Avoid sudden charging to inactive batteries, as it could stress and shorten the battery life. It is important to ensure the battery is regularly charged and not run down flat.

### Avoid direct sunlight or temperatures above 45°C degrees

This includes other heat sources, such as a fireplace, heaters, or even inflammable and explosive conditions. Doing so may result in causing the battery to leak and overheat, which can cause electrical damage and fires.

### Do not spill liquid on batteries or live electrical components

Doing so may result in batteries being charged with an abnormal current or voltage. This can cause general overheating, explosions, and fire risks with your battery-powered recliner sofa.

### Do not modify any electrical components or batteries

This may result in electrical damage or fire, and the contents may cause chemical burns or other reactions. If you tamper with electrical components or batteries, you will likely void the warranty on your motion seating.

### Be aware of odours, overheating, discolouration, or unusual reactions during use

In the event of any unusual reactions during use, recharging, or storage, immediately disconnect the charger. These hazards may result in overheating, electrical damage, and fires.

### If the battery leaks, disconnect the charger immediately

Ensure it is placed away from any naked flame. The leaking electrolyte may be flammable and can cause the battery to explode or catch fire.



DFS products and components meet British and European electrical safety requirements

## How to safely operate your sofa bed

Sofa beds are another type of motion furniture that needs to be used with due care and attention. Both when you're folding out the bed frame or returning it to its sofa function, be wary of the moving parts that can trap errant fingers and hands.

To use a sofa bed safely, please bear in mind the following:

- Unsupervised children: Do not allow children under the age of 4 to use motion furniture. Children aged 4 and above should always be accompanied by a responsible adult. Similarly, children should not play with motion furniture, or be around motion furniture whilst operational. Sofa beds are not a toy.
- Do not operate the sofa bed without reading the instructions and warnings, which have been provided to keep you safe.
- Supervise the area when operating a sofa bed to avoid any unforeseen accidents involving children or pets.
- Do not place hands or fingers anywhere around the mechanisms, either while static or when the sofa bed is in motion.
- Adults or children should not stand or play on, under, or around the sofa bed when in use.
- Always ask for assistance if you need help pulling out the sofa bed, otherwise, you may cause yourself an injury.
- Only use the bed function of the sofa bed when it is fully extended and secure with any support legs in place.
- Only use the sofa bed with the mattress provided with the product. This is because those mattresses are bespoke to the sofa bed and using a variation could damage the motion seating.
- DFS will not take responsibility for damage to sofa beds when used with unspecified mattresses.

## Stay safe, stay comfortable

Whichever type of motion furniture you choose, there are distinct hazards to be aware of. However, with adequate care and attention, you will be able to operate them safely.

If there's ever any doubt that your motion furniture is unsafe to use, opt for the safe route and consult the product's awareness and operational instructions. You can also contact DFS customer service for technical consultation.