



## Sterlington Stairlift Stories for Children

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### Story One: The Beginning

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A Stairlift is like a chair on wheels and goes up and down a staircase on a rail, rather like a sloping train track!

These stairlifts are used by people, including children, who can't walk up and down stairs on their own very easily.

The person sits on the seat and the stairlift carries them.

Sterlington Stairlift lives on a straight rail on a staircase in a very nice house indeed.

Along the road is Sterlington's friend Curvy Flo, who lives on a lovely curved rail which rolls around the bends and up the slopes, over the soft, thick carpet, and all the way to the top landing.

These two stairlifts have something in common. They both have a 'dream glide' control which is so smooth and soothing that the person on the stairlift usually falls asleep on the way up the stairs because it is so very, very comfortable.

That is how Sterlington and Curvy Flo first found out about each other.

Stan the man with the van, who came to check the dream glide controls every so often, went to both houses and each stairlift heard him talking about the other one to the people who live in the house.

"Where are you off to next?" asked the lady at Sterlington's house.

"I'm going to number 69 to see a curved stairlift!" said Stan the man with the van. "After that I reckon it will be time for my lunch, so MacDonalds here I come!"

Stan the man with the van, was a happy chap and always had a joke with his customers. He thought people deserved to have fun and tried to help by making them laugh.

When he went to number 69, Curvy Flo heard him talking to the gentleman there about Sterlington.

"Is this your first call today?" asked the gentleman.

"Almost right!", said Stan the man with the van. "You're my second this morning. I've just been along the road to check a straight stairlift called Sterlington".

That was when Curvy Flo's arms nearly popped out of their sockets. "Goodness gracious" she thought. "Another stairlift with a name and just along the road, how amazing! I must send a signal!"

All the stairlifts in these Sterlington stories have very special signals. They can talk to each other in stairlift language that people can't hear.

All through the night when children and their mums and dads and brothers and sisters and uncles and aunts and grannies and granddads and all the others are fast asleep, the stairlifts are wide awake and swapping ideas about all kinds of things.

The signals are tiny vibrations and they go all the way along the rail, through the air at the top of the stair, through the glass in the windows, along the road, past the trees and lamp posts and telegraph poles, through the glass in the windows of the next house, through the air to the top of the stair, along the rail right to the next stairlift.

When Sterlington found out about Curvy Flo it was the middle of the night on Tuesday and rather cold and quiet. He was checking his batteries when suddenly there was a vibration through the rail.

"Can't be the ginger cat", he thought. "That went into the garden two hours ago". Then he realised it was a stairlift signal, put on his best listening look and stayed very still and quiet.

"Hello!", the message said. "This is Curvy Flo the stairlift at number 69. Is that Sterlington?"

"Wow!" thought Sterlington. "A curvy stairlift sending me a message!"

He quickly sent a message back and that is how the Secret Society of Smooth Stairlifts began.

The Society is now so large that it has members in almost every country in the world and they can all send messages to each other through their secretstairlift signal system.

In the next story we will tell you how the stairlifts stopped burglars from robbing a poor old lady who lived on her own.

That's all for now...

...please read the story titled "Sterlington and The Burglars"

The End