



## Wedge Bed Pillow Set: Comfort & Support During Recovery

**Medical disclaimer (please read):** This guide is for general educational purposes only and is not medical advice. Your surgeon, physical therapist, or clinician can tell you what positioning and equipment are appropriate for your specific procedure, precautions, and recovery plan.

A wedge bed pillow set is a positioning aid that can support comfort during recovery by helping you elevate your upper body and/or legs. When elevation or pressure relief is part of your care plan, wedges may make it easier to rest and sleep with less frequent readjustment.

### When a wedge bed pillow set is commonly used

People often consider wedge pillows when their care team recommends elevation, extra support, or pressure relief—especially during the early recovery period after:

- Abdominal surgery (including tummy tuck, hernia repair, and C-section)
- Liposuction and body contouring procedures
- Breast surgery (augmentation, reduction, lift, or mastectomy)
- Orthopedic surgeries (hip, knee, and shoulder procedures)
- Spine or back surgery (laminectomy, discectomy, spinal fusion)
- Bariatric or weight-loss surgery
- Heart or lung surgery (when your clinician recommends upper-body elevation)
- Facial and ENT surgeries (sinus surgery, facelift, or rhinoplasty)
- Any recovery plan where elevation or pressure relief is recommended

### Potential benefits (for many users)

A wedge bed pillow set may help you:

- Stay in a more comfortable resting position with added support
- Reduce strain on the back, neck, hips, or legs by improving alignment
- Support upper-body elevation when lying flat is uncomfortable

- Support leg elevation when it's recommended to reduce lower-leg swelling
- Sleep more comfortably by reducing the need to constantly reposition
- Get in and out of bed with less effort (depending on your recovery and setup)

## How wedge pillow sets can support recovery positioning

Depending on how you arrange the wedges, they can:

- Elevate the upper body to support breathing comfort or reduce reflux symptoms for some people (when elevation is appropriate)
- Elevate the legs to support comfort when leg elevation is recommended
- Help maintain clinician-recommended positions without constant readjustment
- Reduce pressure on tender areas by allowing small, controlled position changes

## Safety note (important)

**Safety disclaimer:** Use only as directed by the manufacturer. Make sure the wedges are stable on your mattress and do not slide. If elevation increases pain, numbness/tingling, shortness of breath, dizziness, or incision discomfort, stop and check with a clinician. Keep wedge pillows away from infants and small children due to suffocation risk.

## Quick setup + safety checklist

- Start gradually: If you're new to elevation, begin with a modest angle and adjust over time.
- Stability first: Use a fitted sheet and place the wedges so they don't shift when you move.
- Support alignment: Keep your head/neck supported and avoid positions that twist your spine or hips.
- Protect tender areas: Arrange wedges so they don't press directly on incisions or sore spots.
- Plan transfers: Set up so you can safely get in/out of bed (especially at night). If needed, ask for help.
- Skin comfort: Use a breathable cover and keep fabrics smooth to reduce friction on sensitive skin or dressings.
- Re-check daily: If wedges compress or shift over time, re-position them before resting.

 **Helpful Tip:** Your wedge pillow will often feel best with a washable, breathable cover—this can help keep the pillow fresh and reduce friction against sensitive skin or surgical dressings. For comfort, try small angle changes by combining wedges in

different ways. Even minor adjustments to upper-body or leg elevation can make a noticeable difference in comfort and sleep.

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