

## Care

No sling must ever be used to lift more than its rated load (see label)

If a sling is worn or damaged its strength will be reduced and it must be replaced.

To maximise the life of your sling wash gently at 40C. The sling can be washed at up to 95C for infection control purposes if necessary. Use a mild soap solution or a non biological detergent. Do not use bleach or other cleaning agents that may weaken the fabric. Air dry or tumble dry on a cool cycle. Just like a garment, a sling will last longer if well cared for.

The InChair sling is intended to be “user specific”. If you propose to use this slings with more than one person you are advised to consult an infection control specialist on how to avoid the risk of cross infection.

The condition of the sling should be checked before each use, particularly around strap attachment points.

All slings should be thoroughly examined by a competent person and the details recorded at least every six months in accordance with the requirements of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER)1998

## Returns

If you need to return this sling please contact your supplier for their procedure.

There is a legal requirement to ensure that items sent by mail, or other carrier, are clean and that there is no risk of infection to handlers or recipients. Dirty slings returned to your supplier cannot be returned to sender and regrettably must be disposed of at senders cost.



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## InChair Glove Slings – User Guide

**THIS GUIDE MUST BE READ IN FULL BEFORE USING THE SLING**

**Model Number-Size** \_\_\_\_\_

**Serial Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Maximum Load** \_\_\_\_\_

### Purpose and Suitability

Because of the variation of needs between individuals it is recommended that an assessment is conducted by an Occupational Therapist or other competent person to ensure suitability.

The Glove InChair sling is designed to be used in situations where a sling cannot be fitted whilst a user is in their wheelchair and when, to facilitate safe handling, a person needs to sit on the sling for an extended time. Data and test results regarding air permeability and pressure mapping is available on request if in doubt of its suitability to an individual, you are advised to consult a Clinical Professional with tissue viability knowledge.

If the user requires head support, a Headshell™ should be attached.

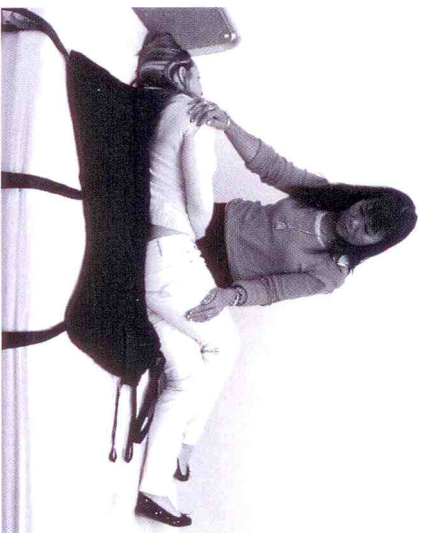
### Hoist Compatibility

These slings are compatible with most types of hoists and spreader bar but not all. If in doubt please contact Care and Independence Systems or your supplier for a list of compatible hoists.

### Important Safety precautions

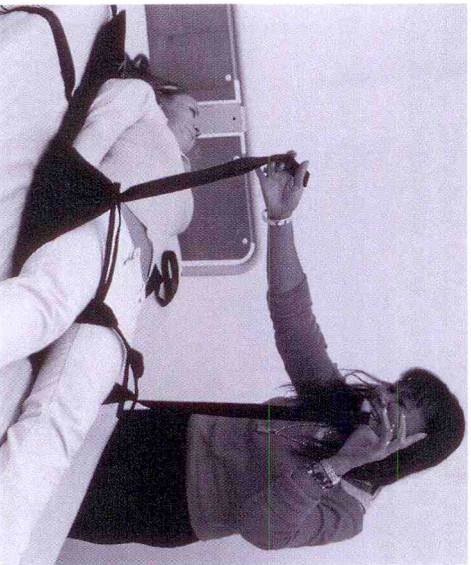
- Slings and hoists must only be used by competent persons after appropriate training in accordance with the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (1998)
- Always use the safety pommel and attach sling by 6 straps as illustrated
- Check that the sling is in good condition prior to each use.
- The sling must be examined by a competent person at least every 6 months and records retained for inspection in accordance with the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (1998)
- Take care with the hoist/spreader bar, impact with it could cause injury.

1



Roll the user towards you onto their side. Place the sling flat behind their back, tawelling side up with the soft Velcro collar at shoulder level. The label will be near the users shoulder on the outside of the sling (away from the user). The safety pommel will be at thigh level. Tuck the sling towards the user so that the centre of the sling (marked by the label) aligns with their spine.

2



Roll the user onto their back. Pull the tucked side of sling through so that the user is supine centrally on that flat sling. You may need to roll the user onto their other side to facilitate this. Work from the other side of the bed so that you roll the user towards you. Draw the safety pommel between the users thighs and pass the leg straps through the safety pommel strap loops as illustrated.

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE SAFETY POMMEL IS ALWAYS USED**

3



Position the hoist spreader bar above the user's chest. Attach the leg, side and shoulder suspension straps to it.

**NEVER ATTACH THE POMMEL STRAPS TO THE SPREADER BAR**

The suspension straps have loop inserts to adjust the sling for comfort. Shortening the shoulder straps sits the user more upright. Shortening the leg straps reclines the user for better pressure distribution and comfort. Note the optimum position above\* and in the users care plan.

As the hoist is operated ensure that the user is secure and well supported in the sling.

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**HEAD SUPPORT**

When the user is safely positioned after transfer, and secured if required, the straps can be detached from the spreader bar and placed back into their pockets.

\*Name of User.....  
Ring choice below for optimum position

|                |      |        |       |
|----------------|------|--------|-------|
| Shoulder strap | Long | Medium | Short |
| Middle strap   | Long | Medium | Short |
| Leg strap      | Long | Medium | Short |

Assessed by.....  
Date .....



If a Headshell is to be used, it is best to attach this to the sling prior to fitting the sling to the user. Ensure that the correct size Headshell is used and that the Velcro fastening is secure, including folding over the end tabs.