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60 SECONDS TO SAFETY

Managing Lift Slings Safely



SAFE PATIENT HANDLING

5 KEY STEPS FOR SAFE SLING MANAGEMENT

1 CHOOSE THE RIGHT SLING - SIZE MATTERS



- Select the sling based on the patient's weight, shape & care needs
- Check the sling label weight capacity & size
- A sling that is too small or too large can cause discomfort & injury

2 LAUNDER SLINGS PROPERLY



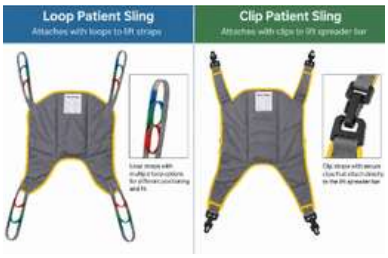
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for washing and drying
- Use neutral detergents only
- Inspect slings after laundering & before each use
- DO NOT use damaged slings- Discard immediately

3 PROPER PLACEMENT ON THE PATIENT



- Position the sling label outward
- The bottom of the sling should be at the base of the spine
- Ensure full back & head support as needed
- Cross leg straps if required by the sling design

4 KNOW YOUR SLING TYPES



- Clip Style- Straps attach to spreader bar using keyhole slots or clips
- Loop Style- Straps are often color coded or numbered & attach directly to the lift spreader bar attachment points
- Always use the sling with the compatable lift system. DO Not interchange sling types

5 APPLY SLINGS CORRECTLY & SAFELY



- Lower spreader bar parrellel to patient shoulders
- Attach straps evenly & securely
- Check color-coded straps for correct placement
- Raise slightly & re-check before moving the patient
- Communicate with your patient & team during the lift

⚠ HAZARDS

FALLS
Improper sling use can cause patient to fall

MUSCLE STRAINS
Using the wrong sling size or type can increase lifting effort

DAMAGED SLINGS
Worn or torn slings can fail, leading to serious injury

INFECTION RISK
Improper cleaning & sharing slings can spread germs

INCORRECT APPLICATION
Wrong placement or attachment can cause discomfort or serious injury

SAFETY TIPS

- ☑ Complete required training on patient lift equipment & slings before use
- ☑ Inspect sligs before every use. Check for tears, fraying, or damaged straps
- ☑ Use correct sling for patient needs & task
- ☑ Follow lift & sling manufacturer's instruction for use
- ☑ Never leave patient unattended in lift
- ☑ When in doubt, get help