

USER GUIDE

COMFORT VALUE Range Toileting Sling (CVT)

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1. APPLICATION

The service user requires core strength to be able to use the COMFORT VALUE Toileting sling (CVT) safely and a risk assessment should be taken before prescribing the sling. The CVT sling has safety features such as a non-slip panel in the back and a hook and loop belt and clunk click buckle fastening. The fabric is fast drying and drains well, the sling can be used in wet and dry environments.

Attachment type: Loop fixing.

2. SAFETY

- Only people trained and assessed as competent should ever use hoists and slings.
- CVT slings come in four sizes. Ensure that you select the correct size for the comfort and safety of the person being transferred.
- Follow the wash care instructions carefully and never use bleach.
- Slings must be thoroughly examined for safety by a competent person every six months or more frequently if the competent person deems it to be necessary.
- Further guidance is available about sling safety via www.careandindependence.com

3. SLING INSPECTION (SWL)

3.1 Care & Independence slings are designed and manufactured to meet or exceed BS EN 10535:2006 Hoists for the transfer of disabled persons.

3.2 The maximum weight load is 200kg.

3.2 Slings should be inspected prior to use and after washing. The sling should be checked for the following:

- Stitching becoming undone, frayed, broken with special attention to the critical points such as tape attachment and lifting loops.
- Any signs of damage to the fabric such as tearing undue wear or miss-shaped
- Signs of discolouring or bleaching of the material
- All the label clearly legible
- All parts of the sling complete

4. COMPATIBILITY

4.1 Care & Independence slings have been manufactured to work with most of the major hoist manufacturers' equipment. A compatibility statement is available on request.

4.2 A risk assessment must be completed before using the sling, even if the hoist and sling is provided from the same manufacturer.

5. FITTING THE SLING (CHAIR IN-SITU)



The waist support should be fitted as low as possible around the torso with arms outside the sling.

First fasten the velcro band, then secure the clunk and clip belt strap.

NOTE: The Velcro should always be closed when not in use

Slide leg pieces evenly under each leg.

Following a risk assessment, tapes can be crossed. ***RECOMMENDED***

- Cross the tapes over one another by threading one tape through the other by passing one tape through the section beneath the bottom loop.

Or, continue without crossing.

4 Attach sling to hoist as normal.

- As the service user begins to be lifted and the body thins out retighten the clunk-click belt.
- As a guide, we suggest starting with a short shoulder/long leg position, however it is recommended the care plan is followed.



6. WASHING YOUR SLING



6.1 For general cleaning where, cross infection is not an issue, and to maximise the life of your sling, wash gently at 40°C. Use a mild soap solution or a non-biological detergent without bleaching additives. Do not add bleach or stain removers as they will fade and weaken the fabric.

6.2 Air dry, cabinet dry or tumble dry on a cool cycle (below 60°C). Do not tumble dry on a hot setting, place on hot pipes, heaters or near a flame.

6.3 Do not iron your slings.

7. DECONTAMINATION AND INFECTION CONTROL

7.1 For good hygiene, we recommend that slings are not shared. If you need to hoist more than one person, it is strongly recommended that each person is allocated their own sling.

7.2 DOH guidance HSG95/18 recommends washing at 71°C for not less than 3 minutes plus 8 minutes for mixing to achieve decontamination. Please refer to the guidance for full details.
Lower wash temperature will increase the life of the slings.

8. CE DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

The CVT sling is designed by and manufactured for Care & Independence Ltd. Care & Independence are a UK manufacturer registered with MHRA as a Class 1 Medical Device Manufacturer and meet the essential requirements set out in Annex 1 of the Medical Device Directive 93/42EEC.



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NOTE: A one year warranty is offered on manufacturing and/or material faults only.