

## caution

### WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

**NOTE:** Remove Bars before washing sling.

*Bars and seat hangers on the two-piece slings are not removable. It is recommended that these be hand washed.*

1. Machine Wash in warm or cold water.
  - a. Maximum washing temperature 185°F (85°C).
  - b. Wash at 160°F (71°C) for 3 minutes.
  - c. Wash at 145°F (63°C) for 10 minutes.
  - d. Air Dry, or Tumble Dry at cool or very low temperature.
  - e. Do NOT Tumble Dry at high temperature.
2. Use Non-Enzyme detergent.
3. DO NOT USE BLEACH!
4. DO NOT wash with other colors.

## general use instructions

### TRANSFER FROM BED

For easier transfers follow these instructions.

1. If patient needs support and is in a hospital bed, raise side rails and have patient hold onto rails. Raise the level of the bed to the highest position before moving the patient onto the sling.

Note: This will reduce strain on the caregiver's lower back. Also, when the patient is ready to be lifted, lower the side rails and the level of the bed, decreasing the distance you have to elevate the patient.

2. To place sling under patient, follow sling instructions below depending on the type of sling you are using.
  - a. Put the folded sling behind patient's back. Roll patient onto back.
  - b. Pull the leg loops forward and under the thighs.
  - c. Cross the loops.
3. Roll the base of the patient lift as far under the bed as possible, placing the cradle over the patient. Take caution not to lower the frame onto the patient. Before lifting patient be sure the lifter arm is centered over patient. Remember, when lifting patient, the parking brake should NOT be used.
4. When both sides of the sling are attached to their respective side of the cradle, raise the patient slowly. If patient is in hospital bed, it will help to raise head of bed. Repositioning of patient may be needed to ensure that a safe sitting position is attained as the patient is raised.
5. Raise patient until buttocks are just above mattress. Self-leveling cradle will bring patient into sitting position.
6. Hold steering handles and move lifter away from bed. Move the patient into position over the seat of a locked wheelchair.
7. Lower patient into wheelchair or other transport device into transport position. For more details see transfer from wheelchair or chair.

**WARNING: BEWARE OF OBSTRUCTION UNDER BED THAT CAN BLOCK WHEELS AND CAUSE IT TO TIP OVER.**

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## HOW TO FOLD SLING:

### STEP 1



### STEP 2



## TRANSFER TO BED

1. Raise lift until patient's buttocks are above the surface of the bed. You may need to lower height. If patient cannot be lifted above bed, DO NOT push or pull patient onto bed. This can result in a tip over and serious injury to the patient and attendant.
2. Move lift so that open end of U-base is as far under bed as possible.
3. After patient has been centered on bed, rotate patient to face the foot of the bed.
4. Carefully lower patient onto bed.

## TRANSPORTING PATIENTS IN LIFT

If transporting over a short distance, ensure that patient is facing attendant and keep patient as low as possible so that patient's feet rest on the base of the lift straddling the mast. Lower center of gravity reduces the risk of tipping over.

DO NOT transport patients on shag or deep carpeting, thresholds, unpaved surfaces, outdoors or any other obstructions.

**WARNING: LIFTS ARE PRIMARILY A TRANSFER DEVICE, NOT A TRANSPORTATION DEVICE.**

## TRANSFER FROM WHEELCHAIR OR CHAIR

(follow steps 1 & 2 for folding)

3. Lean patient forward and place patient's hands on their knees for stability. Standing in front of the patient, put the folded sling behind the patient's back and press it down until it touches the seat of the chair.
4. The leg sections of the sling are pulled forward and beneath the patient's thighs by the long loops. The loops are then crossed.
5. Move lift base around chair and under legrests with patient's feet straddling the mast. Lock wheel locks on the wheelchair and raise patient above seat height. Make sure footrests are in up position.

## TRANSFER TO WHEELCHAIR OR CHAIR

1. Position lift so that the patients as far back in chair as possible. Always be sure to lock wheelchair wheel locks, if transferring to a wheelchair.
2. Lower patient slowly into chair.
3. To position, push gently on the knees of patient with your right or left hand while simultaneously lowering patient into chair.
4. Another alternative for positioning patients further back into chair:
  - a. Raise sling so that patient is just touching the seat.
  - b. Pull up on the top and back of sling with left hand.
  - c. Complete lowering patient into chair.
  - d. Raise patient and repeat steps B-C if necessary.
5. Unhook sling from cradle or chains or straps from sling.

## REMOVING SLING FROM UNDER PATIENT

1. Remove armrest from chair if possible. Disconnect sling from lift.
2. Stand in front of patient, lean forward and place patient's hands on patient's knees for stability. Pull sling flaps to the side, out from under patient's thighs.
3. Still standing in front of patient, reach back and pull U-Sling up from behind patient. Reposition patient back into chair.

**WARNING: PULLING SHARPLY ON SLING MAY CAUSE PATIENT TO FALL FORWARD RESULTING IN INJURY. ALWAYS STAND IN FRONT OF PATIENT WHEN PLACING OR REMOVING THE SLING.**

## WHEELCHAIR TO CAR TRANSFER

NOTE: Use 3 or 4-inch casters for cars with a low clearance

1. Remove armrest from chair if possible. Disconnect sling from lift.
2. Check beneath car for lift base clearance before attempting transfer.
3. Lock wheel locks on the wheelchair. Widen adjustable base of lift for stability. Raise patient from wheelchair. Make certain car seat is close to level with the knees.
4. Move patient to car, using steering handle to push. Approach car with patient's head, continue to move lift toward car until patient's head is inside car. Raise lift as required until patient is clear of car seat. Be sure to protect patient's head.
6. Lift patient's legs into car and rotate person to face front of car.
7. Slowly lower person into car until there is slack in the sling straps.
8. Remove chain or straps. Patient may remain seated on sling.
9. Lift may now be dismantled and placed in car trunk or back seat.

## CAR TO WHEELCHAIR TRANSFER

1. Adjust seat and slings to proper point of adjustment and connect to cradle.
2. Widen adjustable base of lift for stability.
3. Raise lift until chains or straps are taut and patient's buttocks are above car seat surface.
4. Swivel patient until his/her legs are outside of car. Lift up on legs, tilting head backwards as lift is moved away from car.
5. Lock wheel locks on the wheelchair. Lower patient into wheelchair.

## LIFTING PATIENT FROM FLOOR

1. Position lift behind the patient with a pillow over the base to support patient's head and neck. Lift should be positioned with the lift arm centered over patient.
2. Lower cradle so that chains or straps reach hooks of sling or cradle.
3. Raise patient's knee and attach sling.
4. Lift patient up above the floor. Turn patient to face attendant and place patient's feet on the base of the lift straddling the mast for extra stability.

## LOWERING PATIENT TO FLOOR

1. Place pillow on base and support and support patient's legs.
2. Lower patient down to floor.