

Reusable Lifting Sling

Instruction Guide



Device Overview

Device Name:	Device Description:	Order Number:		Material:	Device Capacity: (Patient Weight)	
		Reusable Lifting Sling	Patient Lifting Sling, Reusable Double Loop, High Back		51305	Small
51306	Medium			51306	600 lb.	
51307	Large			51307	600 lb.	
51308	Extra Large			51308	800 lb.	



Device Description

The Reusable Lifting Sling is designed to lift patients from a chair, wheelchair, bed, or from the floor. The Reusable Lifting Sling can be used multiple times for the same patient or resident. The reusable sling is washable which helps reduce the risk of infection and cross contamination

In this Instruction Guide: the person being moved or transferred is referred to as the patient and the person helping them is referred to as the caregiver.

 Read Instruction Guide before using the Reusable Lifting Sling. Download instructions free at: www.wyeastmed.com

MEANING OF SYMBOLS			
	Caution		Wash in 140°F (60°C) temperature
	Consult instructions for use		Tumble dry
	Manufacturer's catalog number		Line dry
	Manufacturer		Do not dry clean
	Date of manufacture		Do not bleach
	Maximum patient weight		Do not iron

Safety

Before using your Reusable Lifting Sling, familiarize yourself with the various parts as illustrated in this guide. Then, please read this entire guide thoroughly.

This Reusable Lifting Sling can be used for patients with limited upper body function. This sling provides some head support.

Information in this guide is important to the proper operation and maintenance of the equipment, and will help protect your device and ensure that the equipment performs to your satisfaction.

Some of the information in this guide is important for your safety and must be read and understood to help prevent possible injury.

If anything in this guide is confusing or difficult to understand, please call Wy'East or its appointed distributor (the telephone number appears on the last page of this guide).

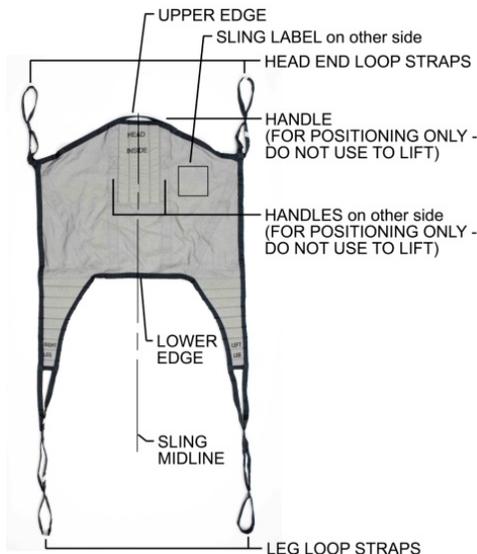
Safety Points:

- The Reusable Lifting Sling must be used in accordance with these instructions and in conjunction with the instructions for the lifting device. Do not exceed the patient weight capacity of the lifting device.
- The maximum lifting capacity (patient weight) of the Reusable Lifting Sling is 600 lbs (272 kg) for the small, medium and large sizes and 800 lbs. (363 kg) for the extra large size. Do not exceed the lifting capacity.
- The Reusable Lifting Sling is intended to be operated entirely by a caregiver. The patient should not perform any function relating to the control of the sling. A second caregiver may be required with certain patients.
- If the sling becomes soiled or contaminated it can be laundered following these instructions.
- Inspect the Reusable Lifting Sling carefully before each use. If fraying, seam separation, or other damage is visible or suspected, dispose of it immediately and replace it with a new sling.
- The sling should be replaced after two years of service, regardless of condition.
- The patient to be transferred must be assessed by a qualified professional before attempting to transfer.
- Always make sure the casters on the wheelchair, bed, gurney etc. are locked during the lifting/transfer operation.
- Do not leave patient unattended during the lifting/transfer operation.
- Handles on the back of the sling should only be used to position the patient. Do not lift with the handles.

Introduction

Reusable Lifting Sling General Information

 The Reusable Lifting Sling is intended for use with a conventional **2 or 4 point hook style sling bar** designed to accommodate loop style strap lifting slings. These instructions illustrate the use of a 2 point sling bar.



Instructions
Laundering

Machine wash in warm water (140°F - 60°C) and mild detergent, line or warm tumble dry.
Do not bleach, dry clean or iron.



Lifting patient from sitting position, chair or wheelchair



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5

APPLY the sling by having the patient lean forward in chair or wheel chair. Guide the sling down between the chair back and the patient's back as shown in figure 1. The label on the sling should be facing the chair back.

POSITION the lower edge of the sling so that it is down to the patient's tailbone as shown in figure 2 (patient not shown in figure 2 for sling position clarity). The midline of the sling should follow the patient's spine. Pull both leg straps so that they are parallel to and on the outside of the patient's thighs. Grasp the end of each leg strap and route them under the adjacent thighs and then upward between the thighs as shown in figure 3. Route leg straps through each other as shown in figure 4.

ATTACH the **leg strap** loop ends to the sling bar in a crossing pattern as shown as shown in figure 5. Attach the **head end** loop ends to the sling bar.

LIFT sling bar just far enough to produce tension on the straps, stop and inspect that the sling is securely attached and weight is evenly distributed before continuing the lifting procedure. Make sure the patient is comfortable.

REMOVE sling by lowering sling bar so that the sling strap loop ends can be disconnected from the sling bar. Remove the leg strap loop ends from the sling bar and remove them from under thighs as shown in figure 4. Next, remove the head end strap loops from the sling bar and raise sling bar if clearance is needed. Gently pull upward on head end of sling, have patient lean forward to assist in this procedure if needed.

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Lifting from a horizontal (supine) position



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4

APPLY the sling by utilizing the “log roll” or similar technique as shown in figure 1. The label on the sling should be facing down toward the horizontal surface. Patient should be in a supine position before log rolling.

POSITION the sling so that the lower edge of the sling is down to the patient’s tailbone. The sling midline should follow the patient’s spine. Route both leg straps between patient’s thighs and then route leg straps through each other as shown in figure 2.

ATTACH the **leg strap** loop ends to the sling bar in a crossing pattern as shown as shown in figure 3. Attach the **head end** loop ends to the sling bar.

LIFT the sling bar just far enough to produce tension on the straps, stop and inspect that the sling is securely attached and weight is evenly distributed before continuing the lifting procedure. Make sure the patient is comfortable. Figure 4 shows patient lifted safely.

REMOVE the sling by lowering the sling bar so that all the sling strap loop ends can be disconnected from the sling bar then raise the sling bar so that it is safely out of the way. Next, log roll the patient and remove the sling in the reverse manner that it was applied.

