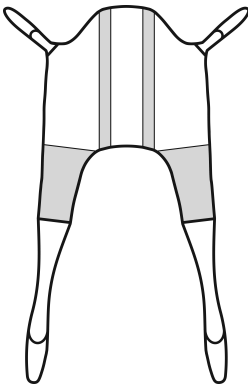


# User Instruction Manual

## Oxford® High Back Sling

To avoid injury, read user manual prior to use.



## Introduction

The Oxford® High Back sling is designed for lifting and transferring clients from either a seated or recumbent position. Made from heavy-duty polyester and with integrated head support, it offers excellent reassurance for the client.

## Special Sling Orders

On occasions, material, dimensional and other changes outside of the standard specification are requested. Please be advised, that aside of any model specific references, fitting, washing and safety guidelines remain applicable. If you are in any doubt, please contact your authorised Oxford service agent or Joerns Healthcare directly.

## Statement of Intended Use

A sling is an item of moving and handling equipment that is used with a mechanical lift in order to facilitate the transfer of a patient. It comprises a specially designed and constructed piece of fabric that is placed under and/or around a patient before being attached to the spreader bar/cradle of a lift to raise, transfer and lower the patient. When selected and used correctly, a sling and lift combination will achieve a safer transfer and reduce the risks associated with manual handling.

It is the responsibility of a competent person to conduct a thorough risk assessment prior to using any sling, to ensure that the sling choice, method of positioning in the sling and procedure for transfer has been correctly determined for the patient. For further guidance, please contact your authorised Oxford Service Provider or Joerns Healthcare.

**FOR USE WITH PASSIVE LIFTS ONLY.**

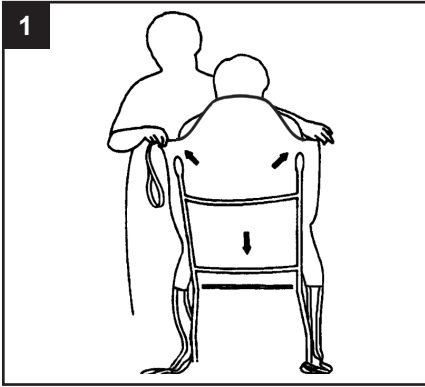
## Expected Service Life

The expected service life of an Oxford sling will vary dependent on use and following the care and washing instructions provided in the user guide. Factors such as wash temperature, detergents, frequency of use and patient weight will impact on the lifetime of your sling. Joerns Healthcare recommend that slings are checked each and every time prior to use to ensure the safety of the patient. Bleached, torn, cut, frayed or broken slings are unsafe and must be discarded and replaced. It is a requirement under LOLER (Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998) that slings are thoroughly checked and passed fit for use. For further advice, please contact your authorised Oxford Service Provider or Joerns Healthcare.

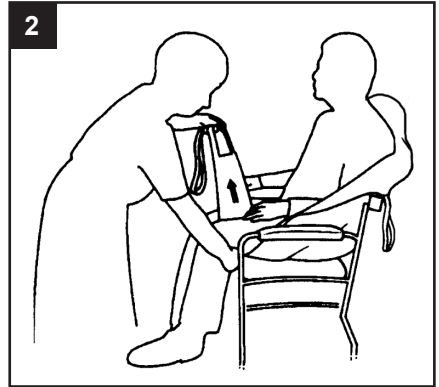
## WARNING

- **OXFORD RECOMMENDS THE USE OF GENUINE OXFORD PARTS.** Oxford sling and lift products are designed to be compatible with one another. For country specific guidance on sling use and compatibility, please refer to the sling label or contact your local market distributor or Joerns Healthcare.
- **For the safety of the patient and carer; before using a sling a full risk assessment must be conducted to ensure that the correct sling choice, method of positioning in the sling and procedure for transfer has been determined for the patient.**
- **CHECK** sling and stitching before each use. Using bleached, torn, cut, frayed or broken slings is unsafe and could result in serious injury or death to the patient.
- **DO NOT** alter slings. Destroy and discard worn slings.
- **NEVER** leave a patient unattended.
- **DO NOT** exceed the rated capacity of the sling or lift.
- **DO NOT** attempt to re-position a patient by pulling on the sling loops.

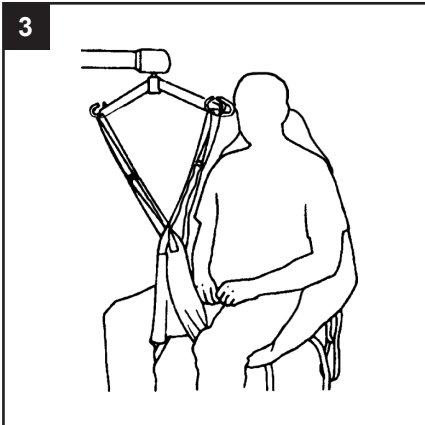
## Fitting the Sling from a Seated Position



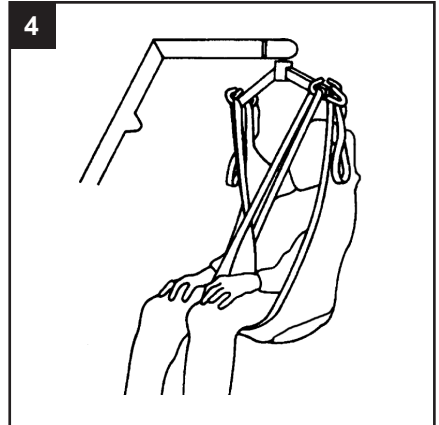
Ensure the seams are on the outside and feed the sling down the back of the client, leaving the top of the commode aperture at the base of the spine. Check the sling is square at the shoulders.



Raise the client's leg and feed the padded leg piece under and up between the legs. Ensure that the sling is not twisted or creased under the thigh. Repeat this procedure for the other leg.

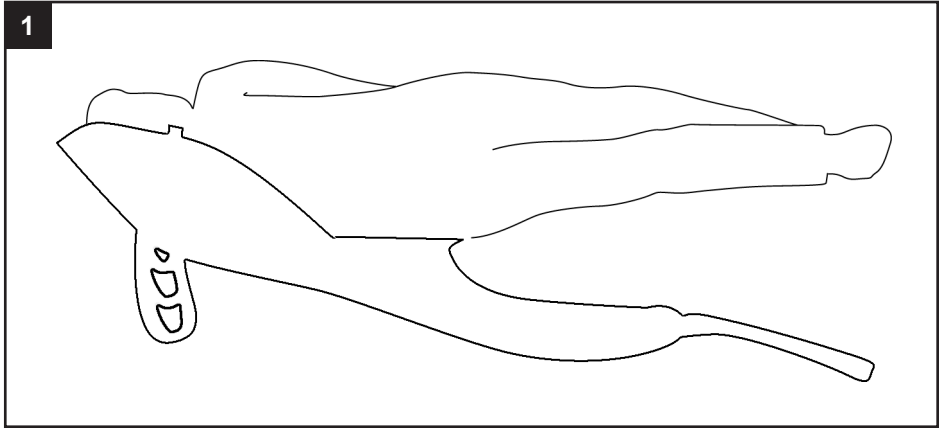


Feed the right leg support through the strap on the left leg support. Cross over leg straps, pass one leg strap through the other and attach to hoist on front hooks.



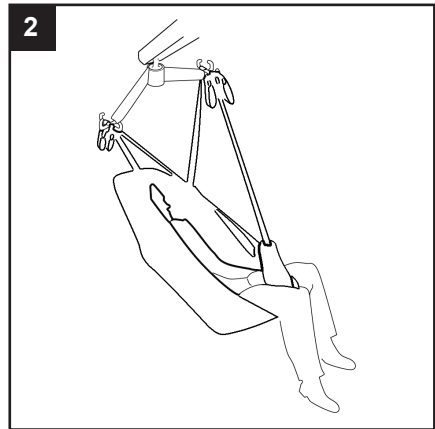
Raise lift to convenient height and attach the shoulder straps as shown. You may then raise the client to the required height. When seating the client the hand grip on the back of the sling may be used to ensure a good seated posture.

## How to Fit the Sling from a Lying Position



Draw sheet roll the client onto the sling, ensuring that the top of the commode aperture is at the base of the spine.

Bring the leg support straps up and between the client's legs and proceed as from the seated position, attaching to the shortest possible loops. N.B. If you wish to place the client onto a high bed it may be necessary to lower the patient onto an intermediate surface and adjust the strap length.



## Technical Specifications

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## Sizing & Safe Working Load

SIZE	SWL
XS (BROWN)	227kg / 500lbs
SMALL (RED)	227kg / 500lbs
MEDIUM (YELLOW)	227kg / 500lbs

SIZE	SWL
LARGE (GREEN)	227kg / 500lbs
XL (BLUE)	284kg / 600lbs

Special sizes can be made to order. Please contact your authorised Oxford distributor or Joerns Healthcare for more information.

## Washing Instructions



Machine wash at 85°C.



DO NOT wash with bleach. Bleach will damage the sling's material and make it unsafe for use.



Cool tumble dry, air dry or dry at very low temperature.



DO NOT dry clean.

### **⚠ WARNING**

**Slings can suffer damage during washing and drying and should be checked carefully before each use.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Additional slings are available to suit individual needs. You are advised that you should always seek the advice of an authorised dealer or Joerns Healthcare before purchasing.

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