

FLOOR AND CEILING LIFTS SLING USAGE:

SAFETY GUIDELINES

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Straps / loops / key clips

- Check for fraying or cuts where they attach to body of sling

Seams

- Stitching at panels must be intact

Fabric integrity

- Check for worn or separation of weave. There should be no visible cuts

Laundering

- Laundering contributes to the wear and tear of slings, compromising safety over time.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommended laundry instructions on the tag of the sling- the standard is to tumble-dry slings with no heat or hang dry. High heat causes damage and decreases the life of the slings.
- Check above checkpoints after each laundry and before use on the patient. If any wear or tear is visible, discontinue use immediately.

Sling Labels

- If the sling label is not readable, discontinue use. Slings must state the maximum weight that can be lifted and the size should be easily identified.
- Slings must have an area on the label to mark the date of first use with indelible pen.

SINGLE USE SLING GUIDELINES

- Single patient use slings are designed to be assigned to one patient and not transferred between patients / residents.
- Single patient use slings have a limited useful life when assigned to the patient.
- Single patient use slings should have area on label to mark "patients name or ID" and date of first use.
- Single patient use slings must never be laundered, spot clean only in patient / resident room.