

A sling should be inspected prior to each use and after every time it is washed.

Recommended Pre-Use Visual Checklist*:

- GENERAL: - The sling has been cleaned and if appropriate, decontaminated.
- All parts of the sling are complete and present
- FABRIC: - No signs of fraying, tears, permanent shrinkage, mis-shaping or deterioration etc.
- No sign of discolouring or bleaching
- LABELS: - Must be legible and show the maximum load, size and unique identifier code.
- STITCHING: - Must be present and intact across the entire sling. No signs of coming undone, being frayed or broken, with special attention paid to the critical points such as tape attachment and lifting loops.
NOTE: To make visual inspection easier, all Care & Independence slings feature contrasting colour stitching for strap attachments.
- FASTENINGS: - Hook and loop fastenings (if applicable) to be clean and free of fibres/fluff etc.
- All buckles and clips (if applicable) show no sign of damage etc.
- STRAPS & LOOPS: - Display no sign of damage, fraying etc.

All sling inspections should be recorded and the details retained until the disposal of the sling or the completion of any incident investigation (whichever is the later). **If there is any doubt about sling safety, remove the sling from use until checked and authorised for use by a competent person.**

** Based upon HSE guidelines*

PRE-USE CHECKLIST RECORD

Sling type: Serial no:

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