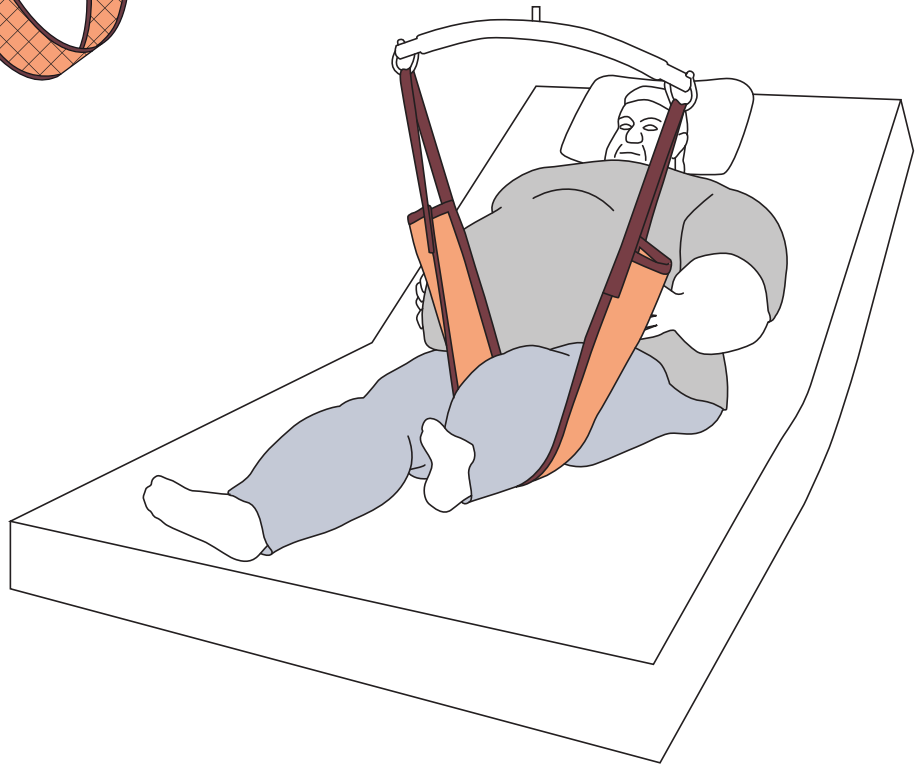
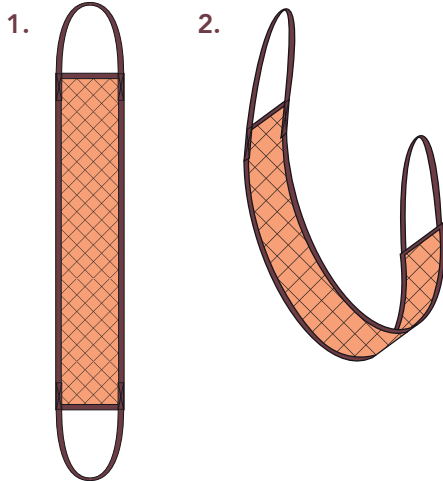


(Bariatric) Leg Support

Instructions of Use

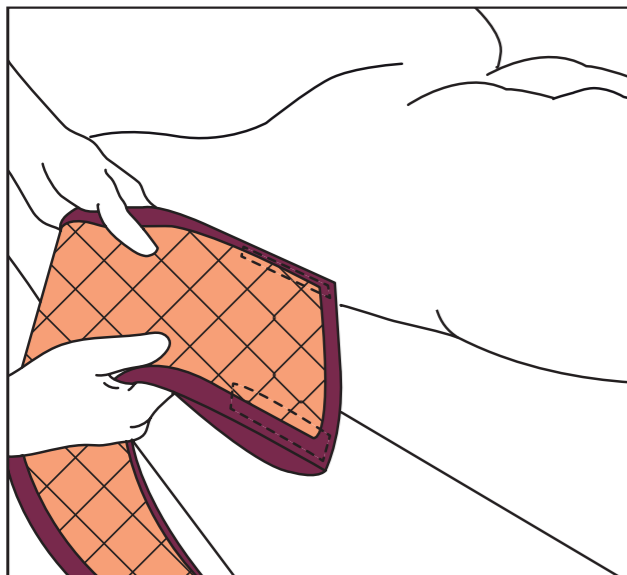
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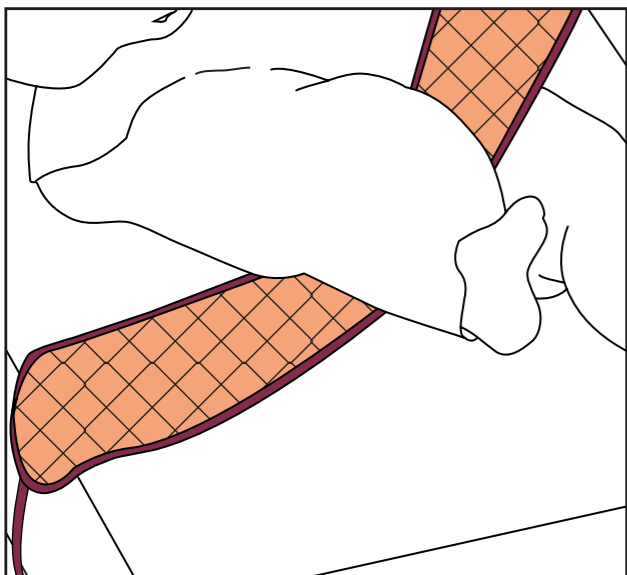
Sling Application:

1.



Introduce the Leg Sling under the area that is to be supported (ensuring that the tape is folded away from the skin) Slide sheets will assist with the insertion if required.

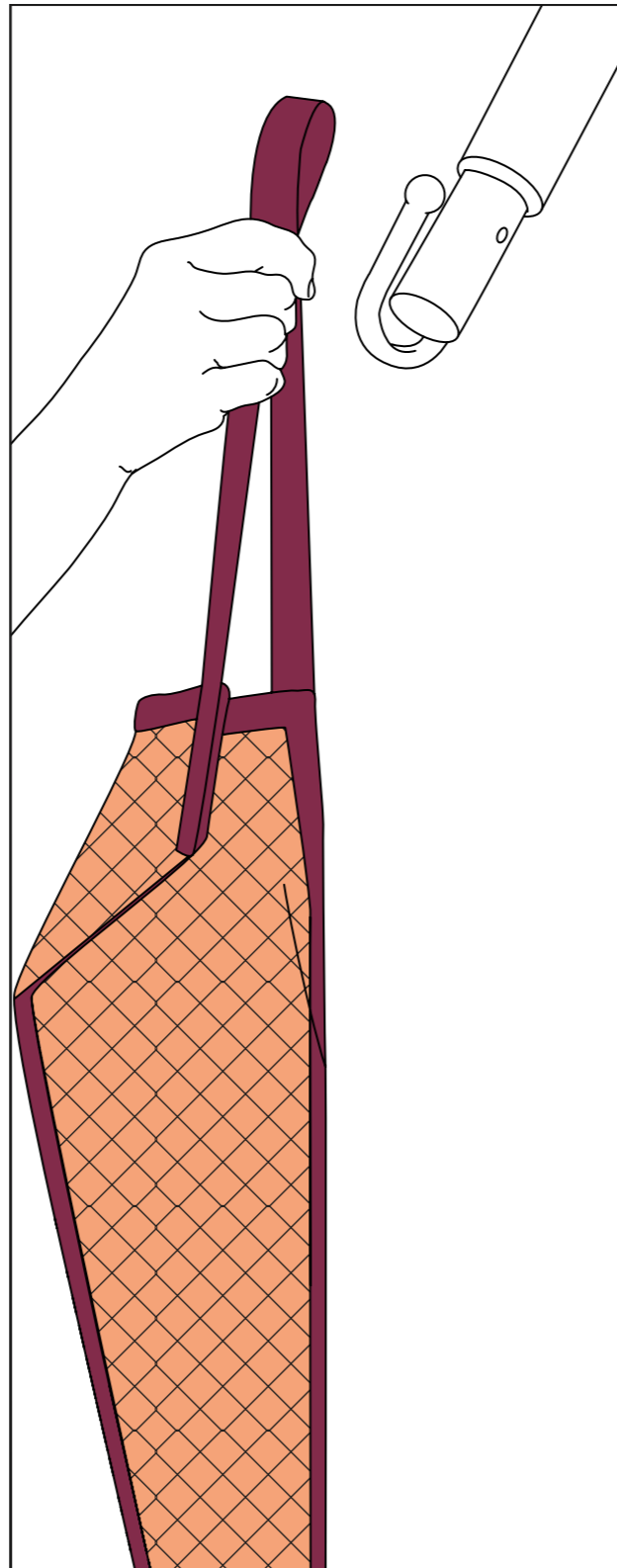
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Ensure the sling is centrally positioned.

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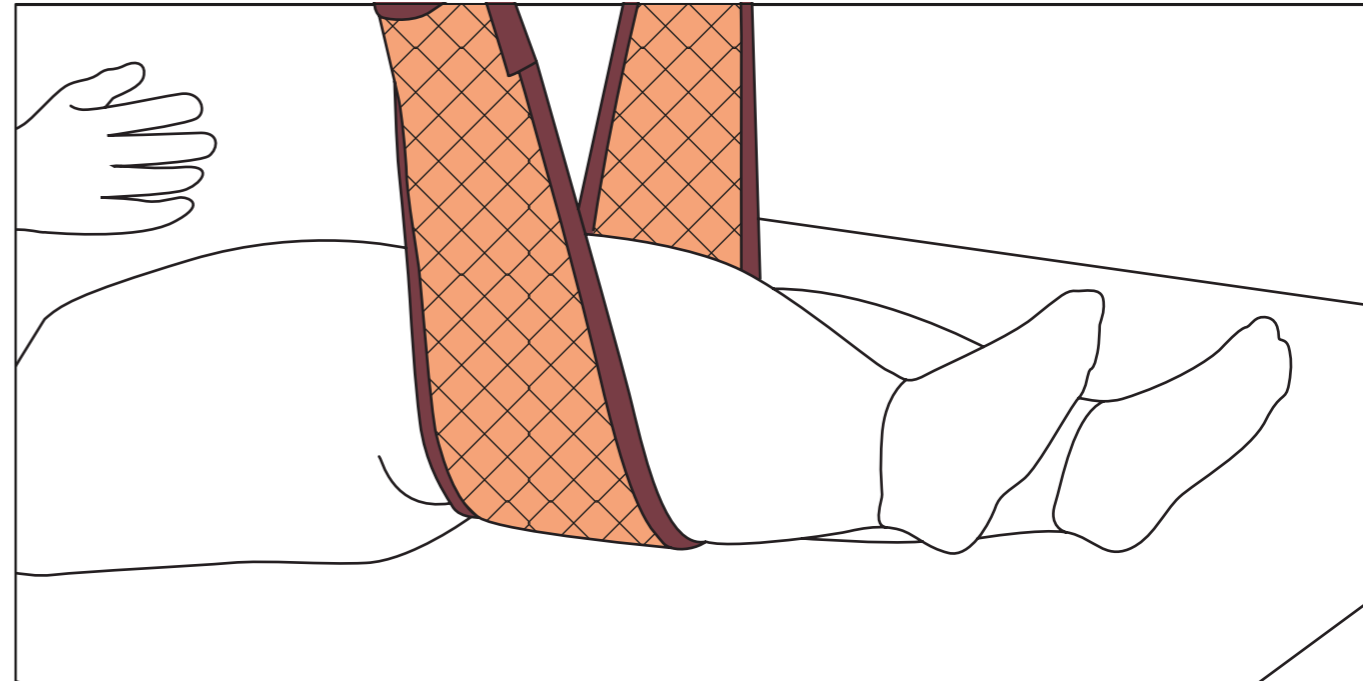
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Attach both loops to the hoist spreader bar.

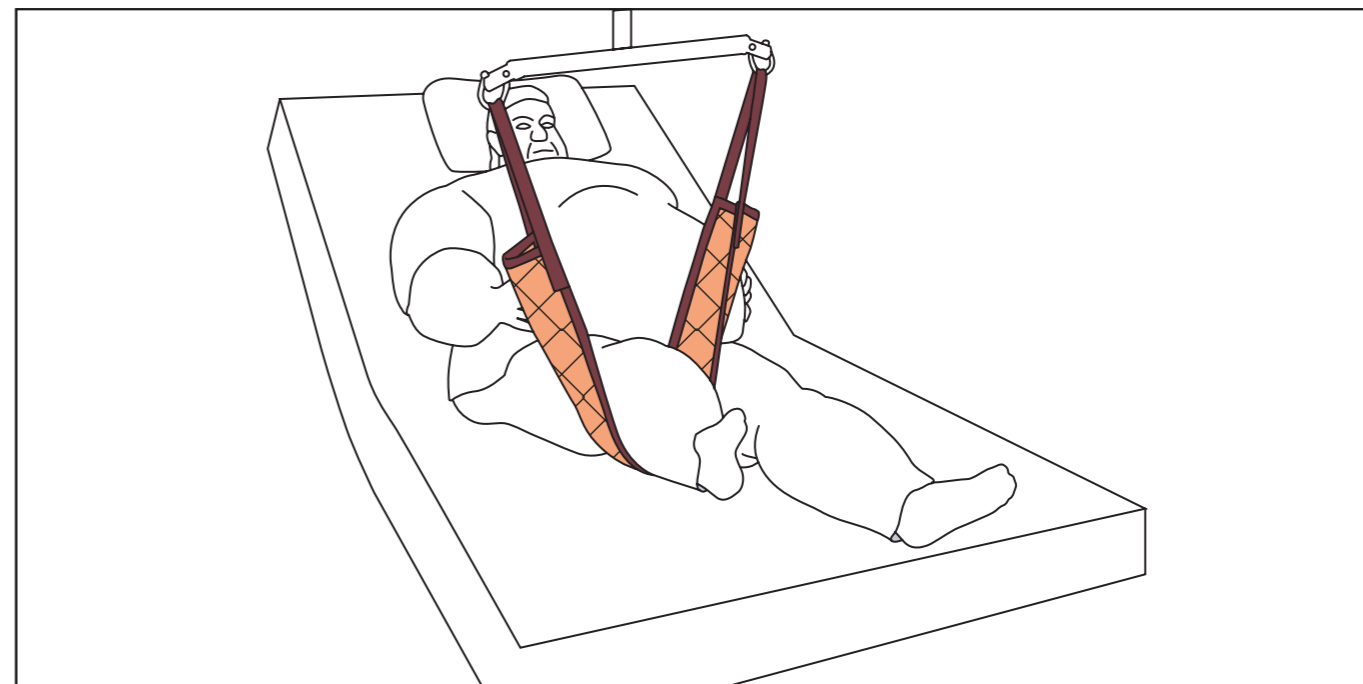
Sling Application: (continued)

4.



We would advise a controlled lift a few inches off the bed to check sling position and end-user comfort.

5.



You can now commence the transfer. In a controlled way raise the hoist to support the leg at the required level. If the sling needs to be readjusted lower the limb back to the bed and readjust.

Bariatric Hoist disclaimer – this sling can also be used with a standard coat hanger spreader bar.

General Instructions:

WARNING 

In-situ slings are designed to remain with an end user for extended periods once a transfer has been completed. Silvalea always advise that a full risk assessment is carried out before use.

If the end user is seated on/or using pressure care cushions or devices whilst the sling is In-situ, we recommend the following for maximum comfort.

Once transfer has taken place, gently ease out each leg section from under the thigh, by folding the leg section under itself, gently tease out from under the thigh and pull away from the body. Carryout this method for both divided leg sections, make sure that the sling has been pulled up from the leg section and back to ensure maximum comfort.

If the end user is padded/clothed to protect them then the divided legs can be left in place.

For those users who have skin integrity issues which could be exacerbated by the shearing caused when removal/re-insertion of the leg panels under the thigh, we would recommend leaving the leg sections in place. Silvalea In-situ slings are constructed of materials which have been chosen to help reduce pressure impact on sensitive skin.

Do not attempt to lift the end user until all appropriate fixings are secured to the hoist spreader bar and you are satisfied that the sling is the correct style, size and fit for the end user.

Service Label & Sling Checks:

All products should be checked each time they are used for any signs of deterioration. The service label is a visual guide to the product's check, which should coincide with your 6-monthly or annual hoist inspections. This is in line with LOLER (Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations).

A risk assessment must be carried out to ensure that the correct size and style of sling has been met before use.

Pre-use sling check list:

- braiding/tapes for deterioration and fraying
- material for holes/snagging
- compatibility with the hoist
- safe working load of both the hoist and sling/product (if applicable)
- label is legible

Remove from use immediately if there are any signs of deterioration to the sling or tapes or the label is illegible.

Washing Guidelines:

- Follow laundry temperatures for washing and drying detailed on the product label.
- Always ensure that all Hook & Loop fastenings are fully closed before washing.
- All products should be laundered using non-biological detergents.
- Metal fixings are sometimes used in our products. Care should be taken to ensure that all products containing metal attachments are washed in a pillowcase or wash bag to prevent damage to the product or to washing equipment. Silvalea accept no liability for damage to laundry equipment.
- DO NOT IRON
- Silva-Superfine with COOLMAX mesh slings are provided with a wash bag. The wash bag MUST be used during laundering.

Product Care:

- Ensure that any Hook & Loop fastenings are closed when not in use. This will prevent unnecessary snagging of the sling material and prevent clogging of the Hook & Loop.
- Launder regularly.
- Store products in a suitable dry clean place.
- Silvalea will accept no liability for any additions/adaptations made to our products that have NOT been carried out by ourselves. Doing so may cause serious injury or death to the user.

Drying Guidelines:

- Follow the recommended drying temperatures as stated on product label.
- Overheating a textile product can cause deterioration in the material components.
- Do not place the product on a convector heater or steam pipes.

For sizing guides and images of this product please visit www.silvalea.com

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