

# ComfiFit Handling Belt

## User Guide and Operating Instructions

**NOTE** It is the responsibility of the handling belt owner to ensure that these user instructions are provided with the issue of each new handling belt.

Before being used, or issued for use, the handling belt must be visually checked for any physical damage and/or undue wear.

- a) The handling belt must not exhibit any tears, splits or other defects that are likely to be detrimental to the handling belt use or patient safety.
- b) The anti-slip strips on the inside of the handling belt must be intact and damage free

**Any handling belt which is damaged should be immediately withdrawn from service and replaced with a new one.**

### Instructions for use:

*It is not possible for suppliers of equipment to be prescriptive in the use of equipment, when that equipment may be used in many different moving & handling situations. The supplier will not know the clinical areas in which the equipment is to be used, or the classification of the patient/client. The following guidance may therefore need to be modified to fit the needs of the staff, the patient client and the surrounding environmental conditions. For advice on best current and safe practice please consult your manual handling adviser or supervisor before using any equipment.*

*Use of the handling belt, in an assisted move by a carer, should only be undertaken by a carer that has undergone appropriate manual handling training, such as that provided by the Royal College of Nursing (RCN), or equivalent, and that their recognised transfer methods are adhered to. Prior to undertaking any use of the handling belt, a thorough risk assessment must be carried out, including site conditions, and only if the assessment is acceptable should the handling belt be used in assisted patient moving and handling.*

The handling belt is designed to provide carers with hand grips during the moving and handling of patients thereby preventing discomfort to the patient. The belt is fitted with an anti slip inner surface to prevent the belt riding up during use.

The webbing strap fastens around the front of the client with a side release buckle. The length of the strap can be adjusted by pulling the loose end of the strap through the buckle and tri-glide fitted on the strap. The belt is fitted with control handles and it is important that these are used by grasping the handle, the carer should NEVER slide their hand through a control loop.

The patient must be able to provide the majority of standing effort. The handling belt is an aid to control movement and stability, not a lifting device. DO NOT use the belt to lift a patient.

If the patient falls during walking the carer should let go of the belt and not become involved in the fall as this could result in injury to both parties. DO NOT put your hand all the way through the handle

### Instructions for cleaning

The ComfiFit handling belt can be washed at 71 degrees for three minutes and should be cleaned as per the instructions below. The belt should not be used damp or wet.



### Storage & Disposal of the product after use

It should be stored in clean conditions, free from contamination. If the product becomes soiled prior to use it should be cleaned as per the cleaning instructions above. At the end of the product life please dispose of the product safely using a licensed waste control contractor.

To order new handling belts please contact Quintal Healthcare Ltd at the address below.

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