

Safe Patient Handling and Mobility Toolkit – Tool 5d

To learn more about slings and sling management refer to Section 5 in the Safe Patient Handling and Mobility: A Toolkit for Program Development 2025 at: <https://www.nvha.net/safe-patient-handling-and-mobility-toolkit/>

Sling Inspection Checklist (Sample)

Consult the sling manufacturer's instruction for correct use, maintenance and inspection of their product.

ABC Hospital Safe Patient Handling and Mobility Program Sling Inspection Checklist						
Date:	_____	Facility	_____	Unit/Dept	_____	
Inspection completed by (name):	_____	Job Title:	_____	Company	_____	
Sling Type:	_____	Sling Manufacturer:	_____	Sling Size:	_____	
Serial number/Unique Identifier:	_____					
Result of Inspection						
Sling removed from Service:	Yes	No	Date Removed:	_____	Next Inspection Due:	_____
Comments about method of disposal; if sling sent for repair; or other remediation taken:						

Additional instructions for use of this form can be added such as:

- Schedule for conducting sling inspection
- Where to access inspection forms
- Where to return completed forms
- Questions? Contact the SPHM Program Coordinator (name & email/phone) at:

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Component <i>Remove from service if any of the following are found</i>	Pass Y/N	Comments
<u>Sling Label:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missing, illegible, damaged/torn, not securely attached Color coding if used to identify sling size on label – does not match color of sling binding 		
<u>Sling Loops, Handles:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missing or loose stitching (Box-X stitching should be present & intact) Tears, cuts, fraying Clip/key attachments – cracked, bent, visibly damaged, in correct orientation Missing loops or clip/key attachments One or more attachment loops are <u>not</u> securely attached (<i>Pull on all straps/loops in opposite direction and note if stitching becomes loose or comes apart</i>) 		
<u>Sling Body:</u> <i>Lay sling out on flat surface for inspection</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Binding - not intact/missing or loose stitching/threads or fraying Body - Cuts, tears, holes, snags, worn areas (<i>Hold sling up to a light to check</i>) 		
<u>Overall:</u> Signs of chemical or heat damage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discoloration, puckering, staining, e.g., from bleach - Areas that are stiff (& <i>not part of normal design</i>) - Melted objects or burn marks 		
Opened slings do not have documented date of first use		
Expiration date (if present) has expired		
Label are not clearly visible on slings in unopened packages		
Other:		