

## 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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	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
<b><u>Sling Label:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missing, illegible, damaged/torn, not securely attached</li> <li>• Color coding if used to identify sling size on label – does not match color of sling binding</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Sling Loops, Handles:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missing or loose stitching (Box-X stitching should be present &amp; intact)</li> <li>• Tears, cuts, fraying</li> <li>• Clip/key attachments – cracked, bent, visibly damaged, in correct orientation</li> <li>• Missing loops or clip/key attachments</li> <li>• 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>)</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Sling Body:</u></b> <i>Lay sling out on flat surface for inspection</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Binding - not intact/missing or loose stitching/threads or fraying</li> <li>• Body - Cuts, tears, holes, snags, worn areas (<i>Hold sling up to a light to check</i>)</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Overall:</u></b> Signs of chemical or heat damage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discoloration, puckering, staining, e.g., from bleach</li> <li>- Areas that are stiff (&amp; <i>not part of normal design</i>)</li> <li>- Melted objects or burn marks</li> </ul>		
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		
<b>Other:</b>		