

# Essential slings and positioning aids



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Prism Medical UK is a leading manufacturer and supplier of patient-handling equipment with a strong reputation for designing and producing high-quality solutions. With decades of experience in the healthcare industry, Prism Medical UK has established itself as an expert in providing safe, reliable, and innovative patient transfer solutions.

Slings are a vital part of a healthcare provider's toolkit, and they are essential for ensuring patient comfort and safety. Designed to facilitate the movement and transfer of individuals with mobility challenges, whether for short-term or long-term use, our slings are vital in enhancing the quality of life for patients and caregivers alike.

Prism Medical UK also provides a range of manual handling and repositioning solutions designed to enable transfer and positioning tasks to be completed efficiently and safely. Prism Medical UK can offer solutions to all your moving and handling tasks with a portfolio of high-quality, cost-effective products.

# Slings

## When might you use a sling?

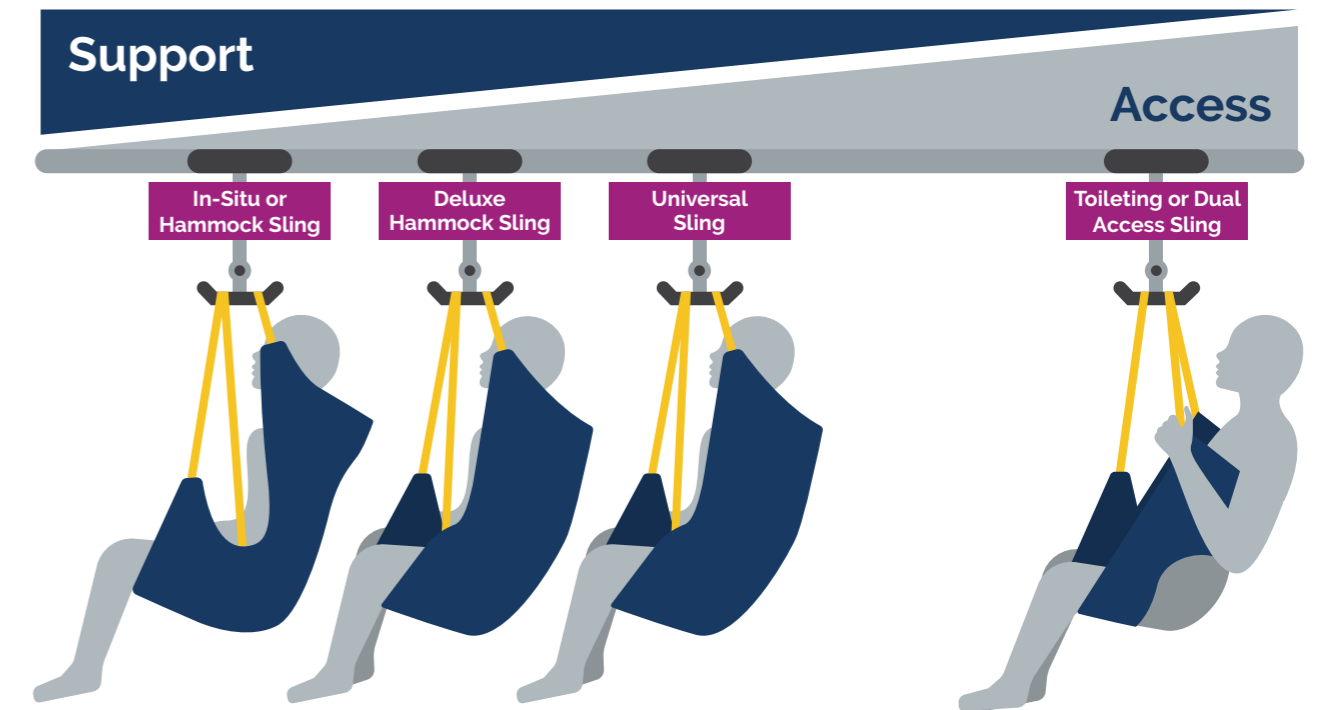
Slings are indispensable aids in various scenarios to assist patients with limited mobility. Everyday situations where slings come into play include:

- **Patient transfers:** Moving patients from one place to another, such as from a bed to a chair or vice versa.
- **Bathing and toileting:** Ensuring safety and dignity during hygiene-related activities.
- **Repositioning:** Adjusting a patient's position in bed or chair to prevent pressure sores and improve comfort.
- **Mobility support:** Aiding patients during ambulation or walking exercises.
- **Lifting from the floor:** Helping patients after a fall.

## Different types of slings

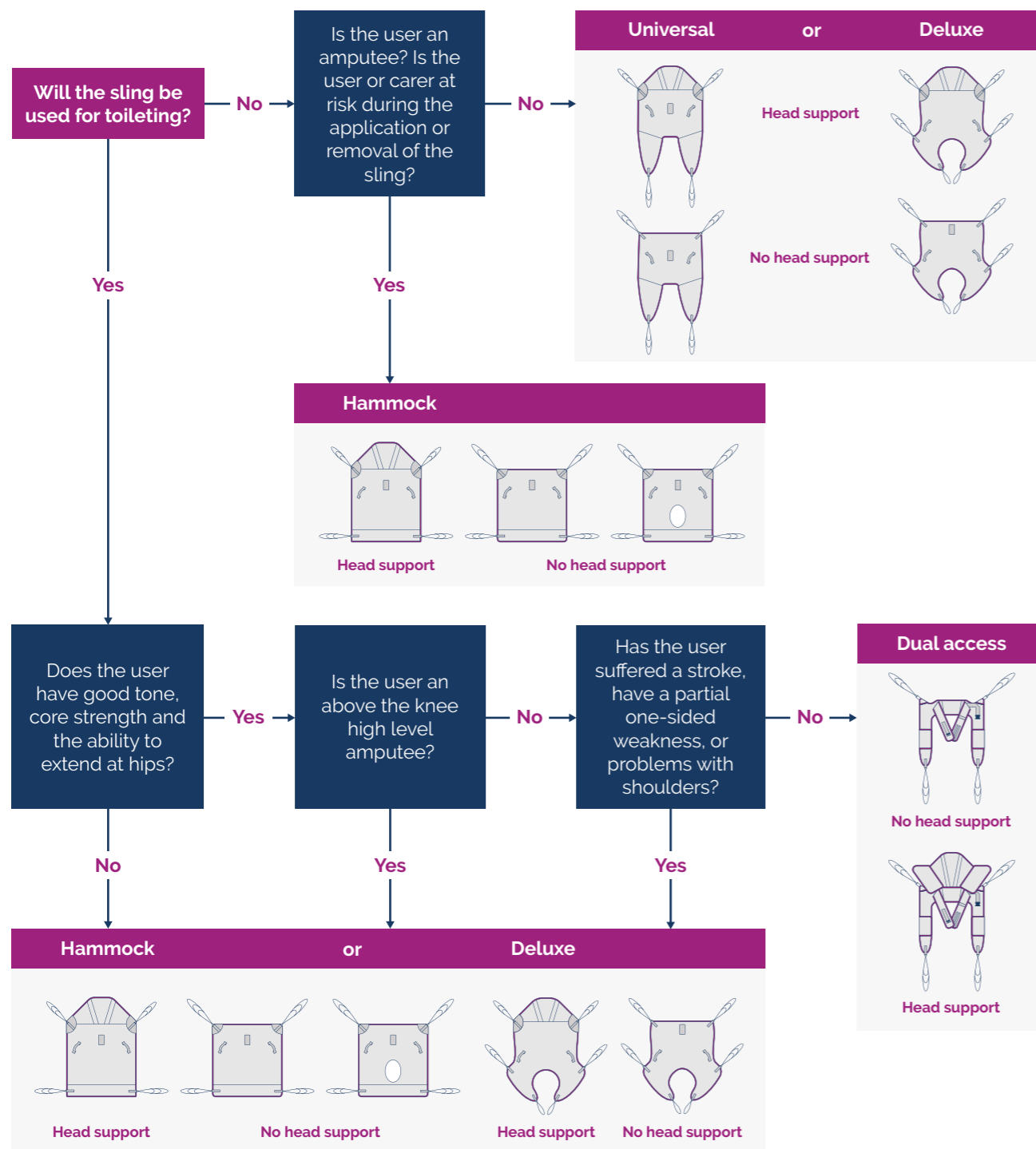
Slings are available in various designs to cater to specific needs and transfer requirements. Some offer more support, while others provide greater access.

The primary types of sling are:



In-Situ or Hammock Sling	Deluxe Hammock Sling	Universal Sling	Toileting or Dual Access Sling
Designed for extended use, providing excellent comfort for patients requiring longer periods in the sling. It offers complete support and pressure distribution, minimising the risk of pressure sores.	Designed to be easier to remove once the patient is seated. The split leg design offers increased patient dignity whilst being transferred.	Versatile and suitable for many patient transfer tasks. A good all-rounder, they can be used for general transfers and repositioning. Supports the whole body, including the shoulders.	Designed to be used from a sitting position to facilitate toileting and bathing activities for patients with limited mobility. It features an open-back design, allowing easy access for personal care. It can be used with a patient lifting hoist or a stand aid.

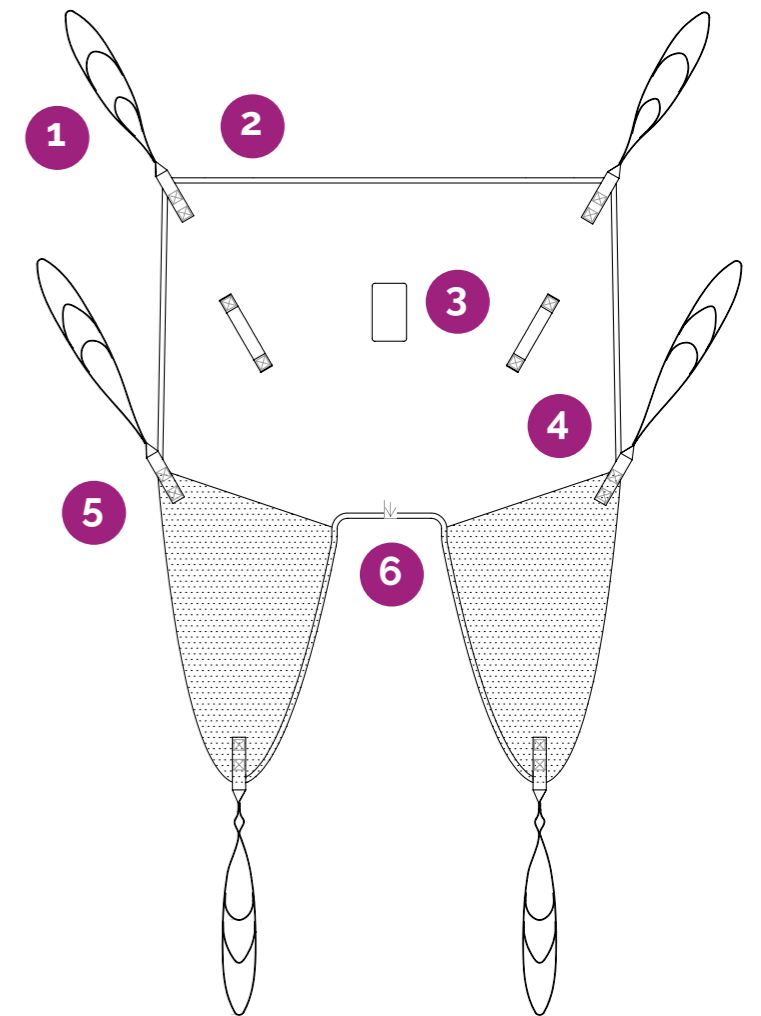
# Choosing the right sling



# Our Slings

Our range of slings allows comfortable moving and handling in various designs, materials and safe working loads. All our slings are manufactured in the UK to meet and exceed all relevant design, safety and quality standards. They are colour-coded to make positioning and connection to a hoist as simple as possible.

- 1 Unique colour-coded loops on straps** help ensure the sling is correctly positioned and connected to the hoist. Loop colours identified during the assessment can be recorded in the client's care plan for reference.
- 2 Colour-coded edging** provides a visual aid to help identify the sling size.
- 3 Label** provides important sling information.
- 4 Guide handles** to facilitate correct handling during client transfers.
- 5 Leg sections** include padding slip/fit material to the outside of the leg sections, eliminating unnecessary bulk in areas that are not functional.
- 6 Centre markers** assist the caregiver in correctly positioning the sling, especially from a lying position or when introducing the sling with a slide sheet.



# Prism Slings

Our quality Prism slings result from many years of experience in assessment and clinical expertise, combined with input from professional carers and users of slings. Our team of experienced assessors can carry out comprehensive assessments to determine the needs of the individual, including the selection of sling type, size, and material best suited to the client and the hoisting activity required.

Here, we include a selection of our most popular Prism slings. To find out about our full range, please **get in touch**.

## Prism Comfort Recline

**This in-situ, breathable sling is designed for clients who have to remain in the sling for extended periods.**

- Spacer fabric for increased comfort
- Should be applied to a client in the supine position
- Designed without handles to minimise pressure points
- Option available with head support
- Not suitable for toileting as the sling has no aperture



## Prism Deluxe Support Sling

**A supportive and comfortable sling designed to accommodate most clients.**

- Quilted leg sections and no binding on the outer leg section for extra comfort (excluding spacer fabric)
- Can be used in divided leg or crossover position
- Shaped to prevent creases under the leg section
- Option available with head support
- Available in polyester/slip-fit, mesh, slip-fit and spacer fabrics



## Prism Universal Sling

**The universal is the most commonly supplied sling for general transfer purposes.**

- Side straps provide even weight distribution
- Quilted leg sections and no binding on outer leg section
- Slip fit material on the outer leg section
- Generous commode aperture for toileting
- Option available with head support
- Available with Dual Clip and Loop fitting
- Available in polyester/slip-fit, mesh and spacer fabrics



## Prism Dual Access Sling

**Versatile lifting sling designed for a patient lifting hoist or stand aid.**

- V-shaped bone padded back panel with a non-slip surface for extra support
- Cut away section reduces pressure under arms
- Available with optional side retention straps
- Available in polyester/slip-fit, mesh and spacer fabrics



# Care-ability Slings

Our Care-ability range of durable, supportive patient slings comes in various materials, styles and fastenings to offer different levels of support. Our standard range can be adapted to the customer's specifications in various materials and colours, and all our slings can be branded with the customer's logo.

Here, we include a selection of our most popular Care-ability slings. To find out about our full range, please **get in touch**.

## CA702 In Chair Hammock

**This breathable, in-situ sling is ideal for individuals who need to stay in the sling for prolonged periods.**

- Spacer fabric for increased comfort
- Hip straps and pommel provide increased support
- A pocket allows for tidy storage of straps when not in use
- Option available with head support
- Available with clip or loop fastening
- Not suitable for toileting as the sling has no aperture



## CA701 Deluxe Hammock

**A hybrid sling designed to offer the full support of a hammock with a universal function.**

- Can be applied and removed while seated
- Full padded support of the upper thigh for maximum comfort
- Lifting from both the inner and outer thigh to reduce hip rotation and abduction
- Option available with padded head support
- Available with clip or loop fastening
- Available in polyester, spacer, mesh and parasilk fabrics



## CA300 Universal

**A universal sling which offers good support and comfort.**

- Pelvic support straps and padded longer legs for added comfort
- Slide sheet material is used on the legs to reduce friction and aid fitting
- A pocket allows for tidy storage of straps when not in use
- Available with clip or loop fastening
- Available in polyester, spacer, mesh and parasilk fabrics



## CA500 Toilet Access

**This easy-to-fit sling is designed to help facilitate the toileting process.**

- Good access, allowing for easy removal of clothing
- Fully padded with an adjustable hook and loop body belt
- Wide legs provide additional comfort
- Slide sheet material is used on the legs to reduce friction and aid fitting
- Available with clip or loop fastening
- Available in polyester or mesh fabrics



# Mackworth Slings

Our Mackworth slings offer great value for money, with various designs, materials and safe working loads available. Mackworth slings are durable, supportive and comfortable and are manufactured from strong, quality material, meeting the highest standards while offering an economical alternative to our other ranges.

Here, we include a selection of our most popular Mackworth slings. To find out about our full range, please **get in touch**.



## Oak Universal

**The Oak universal sling is widely used and is suitable for most patients. It is compatible with most mobile hoists and ceiling track products.**

- Can be applied and removed while seated in a chair
- A pocket allows for tidy storage of webbing when not in use
- A modesty loop protects the patient's dignity
- Available with or without a shaped head section
- Available in polyester solid, polyester mesh, parasilk, quilted, super soft spacer and paediatric fabrics



## Willow Luxury Toileting

**The Willow luxury toileting sling facilitates toilet transfer procedures while allowing ease of clothing removal.**

- Underarm padding provides patient comfort during the transfer
- A security belt provides patient safety
- A pocket allows for tidy storage of webbing when not in use
- Option available with head support
- Available in quilted or paediatric fabrics



## Pine Hammock

**The Pine hammock sling is an excellent multi-application sling, and the design benefits amputee patients.**

- Available with different loop webbing selections to achieve a multitude of heights
- A pocket allows for tidy storage of webbing when not in use
- Can be cut as a specialist product, allowing for toileting procedures as required
- Option available with head support
- Available in polyester solid, polyester mesh, parasilk, quilted, super soft spacer and paediatric fabrics
- The super soft spacer fabric is breathable and conformable, preventing the risk of pressure

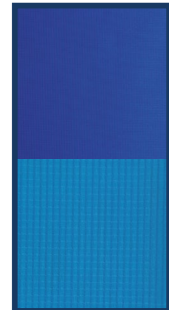


## Beech Hammock Easy-fit

**The Beech hammock sling has an easy-fit design, encouraging postural support when needed. It is a preferable alternative to the universal sling during these circumstances.**

- The webbing design fits around the outside of both legs, providing postural support when it is required
- A pocket allows for tidy storage of webbing when not in use
- Anti-corkscrew webbing provides strength and durability
- Option available with head support
- Available in polyester solid, polyester mesh, parasilk, quilted and super soft spacer fabrics
- The parasilk fabric option is ideal for bathing applications

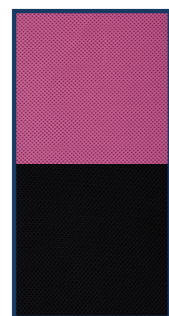
# Our Sling Fabrics



## Polyester

Available for Prism, Mackworth and Care-ability slings

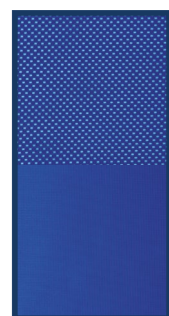
A smooth-knitted polyester that offers easy fitting, strength and support, making it ideal for multidisciplinary use.



## Spacer

Available for Prism, Mackworth and Care-ability slings

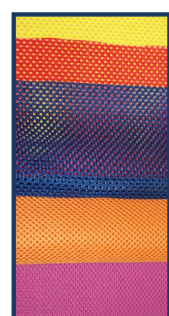
It is a super soft, fully breathable fabric that moulds to the user. It is ideal for clients who use slings for extended periods.



## Mesh

Available for Prism, Mackworth and Care-ability slings

A versatile, breathable and durable mesh used mainly for bathing/pool use.



## Paediatric

Available for Prism (sizes Child and Junior), Mackworth (sizes Child and Junior) and Care-ability (sizes P1-P5) slings

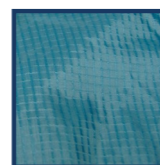
Bright and child-friendly fabrics to help reduce anxiety for child users.



## Quilted

Available for Mackworth slings

It is a padded polyester fabric for increased patient comfort.



## Parasilk

Available for Prism, Mackworth and Care-ability slings

A smooth, lightweight, low-friction, woven polyester fabric offers easy fitting and excellent tissue viability.



## Patient-Specific

Available for Prism and Mackworth slings

It is manufactured using non-woven polyester, suitable for short-term use only. Ideal for preventing cross-infection or where a sling is only required for a limited period.

# Manual Handling and Repositioning Solutions

## When might you use a repositioning solution?

Moving and handling equipment and repositioning aids are essential tools in healthcare settings to ensure the safety and comfort of patients and caregivers during various tasks.

Here's when they are commonly used:

- 1. Patient mobility:** Moving and handling equipment is used when patients have limited mobility or cannot move independently. This includes transferring patients from beds to chairs, wheelchairs or commodes.
- 2. Preventing injuries:** Repositioning aids and equipment prevents injuries to patients and healthcare workers. They reduce the risk of strains, sprains, and musculoskeletal injuries during manual lifting and repositioning.
- 3. Bedbound patients:** When caring for patients confined to bed, moving and handling equipment such as hoists, slings and slide sheets are used to reposition patients, change bedding, and maintain hygiene without causing discomfort or harm.
- 4. Patient dignity:** These solutions help maintain patient dignity by ensuring smooth and respectful transfers and movements. Patients often feel more at ease and secure when appropriate equipment is used.

## Different types of manual handling and repositioning solutions

- **Bed management systems** - Cost-effective on-the-bed solutions for those requiring frequent repositioning and turning. These systems consist of two sheets: an undersheet and a top sheet that is moved to reposition the client.
- **Multigloves and handling belts** - Useful aids that allow carers to safely perform everyday moving and handling tasks, such as repositioning, moving and fitting slings, without injury or friction to the skin.
- **Transfer boards** - Low-friction boards specifically designed to assist patients when transferring from one surface to another.
- **Emergency manual transfer systems** - Essential moving and handling equipment for use in an emergency when it is vital to transfer patients to a safe area.



# Our Manual Handling and Repositioning Solutions

Many of our manual handling and repositioning aids work best when paired with a gantry or track hoist. To learn more, please look at our **Track hoist and gantry brochure**.



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Our lifting and handling aids provide various solutions designed to enable transfer and repositioning tasks to be completed efficiently and safely. Prism Medical UK can support your patient moving and handling activities with a portfolio of high-quality, cost-effective products. Here is a selection of our most popular solutions.



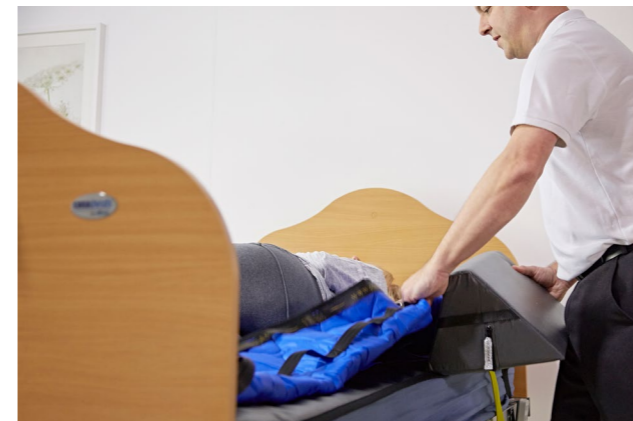
## Mackworth Essentials Satin Sheets

Designed to reduce strains and injuries to caregivers during patient repositioning, the Mackworth Essentials Satin Sheet range offers a reliable and efficient solution. This system comprises handles and low-friction fabric components that work together seamlessly to enhance repositioning while ensuring patient comfort. Available in standard and bariatric mattress sizes.



## Freeway Bed Management System

The Freeway Bed Management System is an easy-to-use, low-friction solution for patients who need frequent repositioning. It provides comfort, reduces pressure ulcers, and requires minimal caregiver effort. Compatible with four-section profiling beds and pressure care mattresses, it can also be used with a hoist for turning assistance. It is available as a standard or bariatric version.



## Freeway Positioning Wedge

The Freeway Support Wedge is an essential Freeway Bed Management System companion. It is designed to provide optimal support for patients in bed while assisting them in maintaining the desired position without needing a carer to hold them in place.



## Freeway Falls Recovery Sling

With its one-size-fits-all design, the Freeway Falls Recovery Sling allows carers to safely transfer a fallen person onto the sling while lying down. Once in position, the low friction material ensures a smooth and comfortable transfer to a more open area, where a hoist can lift the person safely.



Please get in touch to learn more about our slings and repositioning aids.

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