

### Universal Sling from Floor to Bed

#### Instructions

##### PLACE SLING

If the patient falls to the floor:

Follow the Home Support protocol for patients fallen to the floor.

If able to proceed:

1. Roll patient on side
2. Place sling lengthwise behind patient
3. Lay half of sling material against the patient's back and thighs
4. Ensure bottom edge of sling is placed at tailbone
5. Gather and tuck rest of sling under patient
6. Roll patient back and gently pull sling through and flatten

##### Secure Sling

- Bend patient's leg and slide leg piece under leg
- Ensure leg piece is flat
- Repeat with other leg
- Use crossed leg configuration as shown

##### Attach Straps

Attach shoulder, middle and leg straps to carry bar

Support patient's head as you raise them off the floor

##### Check Sling

Raise patient a few inches and check to ensure all straps are safety attached and the sling is comfortably positioned for the patient.

Return to bed



#### Safety Points

##### Difficulty turning person?

Follow the Home Support protocol for patients fallen to the floor

**If the patient requires a ceiling lift for transfers etc. — DO NOT attempt to lift or assist the patient from the floor without the lift.**

**You may be able to slide the patient along the floor on the sling (or sheet etc.) to bring them underneath the lift track.**

If patient difficult to roll, for any reason try:

- Roll patient more slowly
- Roll patient towards you
- Bend one / both knees first
- Have patient reach to side
- Roll with assistant

If still difficult, call your supervisor and / or clinician for advice or call the Emergency Services if appropriate.

##### Difficult to attach straps?

The ceiling lift will go all the way to the floor. Do not pull up on slings; instead lower the carry bar if needed.