

# Lap-Belt User Instructions



## Lap-Belt User Information May 2007

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**Lap-Belt**

## Introduction to the Lap-Belt

### What is the Lap-Belt?

The Lap-Belt is designed to help users comfortably maintain pelvic stability and help provide a safe and secure seated position to prevent them accidentally falling out of the chair. Simple to fit and easy to adjust, the Lap-Belt provides assurance to the carer and reduces the risk of injury for the user.

### Why is there a need for this type of product?

The ability of a seated person to function efficiently and perform activities depends on their ability to adopt the appropriate posture. All activity is posture dependent. If a person cannot move or has problems adjusting their posture, it may be necessary to use seating to try to provide externally what is limited internally.

The Lap-Belt works in conjunction with seating to maintain the posture of those individuals that need extra pelvic support. The strap helps to maintain the position of the pelvis to prevent inappropriate rotation, sliding or movement.

## Lap-Belt Product Information

### Lap-Belt

The Lap-Belt helps to position the user in the back of the chair. Ideally the fixings for the Lap-Belt and the Lap-Belt itself will be fitted at time of manufacture however, it can be fitted retrospectively by a trained representative.

### Range

- Lap-Belt



## Guidelines for Best Practice

To ensure good practice when considering purchasing a Lap-Belt and effective use post purchase we advise that the following guidelines are considered:

1. Seek advice and input from a qualified therapist/professional and/or Kirton representative/distributor at the initial prescription of the accessory.
2. If unsure when ordering the accessories contact either the therapist involved or your Kirton representative or distributor or our Customer Services Team on **Freephone 0800 212709 or +44 (0) 1440 705352** to discuss further.
3. It is recommended that following receipt of the accessory all staff members that will be supervising the user(s) should be trained in adjusting the accessory to ensure it is adjusted safely and correct positioning is maintained for the benefit of the user. This is of particular importance where the accessory is to be used by several different users.
4. Users of the Lap-Belt should be supervised and checked regularly to ensure their most appropriate position is maintained in the chair.

## Questions and Concerns

Should you experience any difficulties or have any concerns regarding the initial purchase or subsequently using the accessory or have any concerns regarding its use then immediately contact either your Kirton representative, distributor or our Customer Services Team on **Freephone 0800 212709 or +44 (0) 1440 705352**, they will be delighted to help you.

## The User Instructions

The purpose of the following user instructions is to provide a guide on how to utilise, adjust and maintain the Lap-Belt.

These instructions should be read by all those involved with the supervision of the user and/or the care of the chair before use.

Please retain these instructions with the Care and Maintenance card enclosed for future reference.

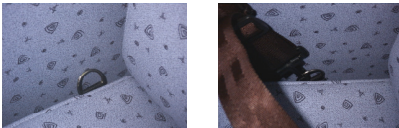
## General Use

- Protection against accidental injury
- Provides a sense of security
- For those who have a tendency to slump or slide when seated
- For use with the majority of Kirton chairs

## D-Ring Fixing and Lap-Belt Adjustment

The chair may come pre-fitted with D-Rings. If so, these will normally be visible near the interface between the seat cushion and the back cushion.

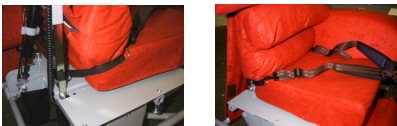
In this case, the Lap-Belt can be fixed to the D-Rings by simply snapping the spring clip on the end of the Lap-Belt onto the D-Ring as shown.



### D-Ring Fixing

If the chair is not already fitted with D-Rings, these should be attached to a rigid part of the chair's metal framework such as that shown in the following pictures.

The D-Ring should be located such that the harness attachment end is as near as possible to the interface between the seat cushion and the back cushion.



If you have any difficulty fitting the Lap-Belt or D-Rings, please contact Customer Services on **0800 212709** or **+44 (0) 1440 706352**. If D-Rings have not been supplied with your chair or Lap-Belt, these can be purchased from Kirton or through your Kirton Distributor.

## Lap-Belt Adjustment

The Lap-Belt should sit comfortably across the waist, angled down towards the interface between the seat cushion and the back cushion. The Lap-Belt should not be positioned high up on the abdomen.

The Lap-Belt should be adjusted to give a secure fit without causing any restriction to the occupant or discomfort. If the Lap-Belt is too loose there is a risk of the occupant sliding underneath.



There are three adjustment points on the Lap-Belt. On either side, there are two adjuster buckles. These should be set to give a reasonably good fit. These are easiest to adjust when the occupant is not in the chair.



On the front of the Lap-Belt a further adjuster, operated by gently pulling on the plastic D-Rings once the Lap-Belt has been done up.

This can be used to give a fine adjustment of the Lap-Belt tension once the occupant is seated in the chair.

To release the Lap-Belt, press on the red button on the front of the strap.

## Important Safety Information

**The Lap-Belt should be checked for correct tightness at least on a daily basis. Also, the webbing and the plastic fittings should be checked at least weekly for any signs of damage. If damaged, the Lap-Belt should not be used.**

**Please contact Customer Services on 0800 212709 or +44 (0) 1440 706352 to arrange a repair or replacement.**



## Care and Maintenance

For recommended care, cleaning and maintenance, please refer to the care and maintenance guidelines enclosed with your Lap-Belt and the attached care label.

## Potential Risks, Cautions and Warnings

- The user is at risk if the Lap-Belt is not properly specified and adjusted to their particular requirements.
- Users should be **regularly** checked and continuously supervised when using the Lap-Belt to mitigate the user moving or sliding into an inappropriate position.
- Thrusts, spasms and strong movements, for example as well as partial loosening of the Lap-Belt could cause injury to the user.
- Care should be taken not to over tighten the Lap-Belt in order to reduce the risk of harm to the user.



## Helpline

Should you have any concerns either pre or post purchase of the accessory contact our Customer Services Team on **Freephone 0800 212709** or from outside the UK **+44 (0) 1440 705352** to discuss further. Alternatively, if you purchased your accessory from a Kirton distributor in the first instance please contact your point of reference there.

If your call concerns a specific accessory, seating product or item of furniture please have ready your sales order number before you telephone. This can be located at the base of each chair or on the dispatch note with the accessory and helps us identify your details and deal with your enquiry efficiently.



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