



Pelvic Positioner User Instructions

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Pelvic Positioner

Introduction to the Pelvic Positioner

What is the Pelvic Positioner?

The Pelvic Positioner is used to help position users securely in the back of the chair for those with low muscle tone or control in their pelvis.

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

Who should consider using the Pelvic Positioner?

Designed for those seated for long periods or those with postural related problems, the Pelvic Positioner can be used with a variety of specialist and traditional seating systems.

Pelvic Positioner Product Information

Range

- Large Pelvic Positioner
- Large Fleecy Faced Pelvic Positioner
- Small Pelvic Positioner

Please note that D-Rings or D-Ring Straps are required to fix the Pelvic Positioner to 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.

Guidelines for Best Practice

To ensure good practice when considering purchasing a Pelvic Positioner 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 Pelvic Positioner should be supervised and checked regularly to ensure their most appropriate position is maintained in the chair.

The User Instructions

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

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

Care and Maintenance

For recommended care, cleaning and maintenance, please refer to the care and maintenance guidelines enclosed with your Pelvic Positioner and the attached care label.

Potential Risks, Cautions and Warnings

- The user is at risk if the Pelvic Positioner is not properly specified and adjusted to their particular requirements.
- Users should be **regularly** checked and continuously supervised when using the Pelvic Positioner 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 Pelvic Positioner could cause injury to the user.
- Care should be taken not to over tighten the Pelvic Positioner in order to reduce the risk of harm to the user.

Pelvic Positioner – How to affix & use

- The chair should be unoccupied before fitting the Pelvic Positioner.
- Lay the positioner out flat.
- Place the positioner in the seat of the chair with the buckles pointing towards the chair front and the levers on the buckles facing down.
- Feed the lengths of the straps with the D-Rings either side of the seat cushion.
- Place the ends of the straps over the arms of the chair before transferring the user into the chair.
- Sit the user into the chair with their pelvis firmly back in the seat and their buttocks on the back edge of the positioner.
- Bring the straps over the user's thigh and through the buckles on each end of the positioner.
- Pull the straps tight and fasten down the levers on the buckles. The fit should be snug – not too tight and not too loose.
- Ensure the user has an appropriate position. Check the user regularly to ensure positioning has been maintained.
- Never leave a user unsupervised once a Pelvic Positioner has been fitted.



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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