

**DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT:** Self-Releasing Belt. For wheelchair use only.

**Rx ONLY**



4183

### POSEY SELF-RELEASING LOOP BELTS

- REF 4183 48¼"L (127 cm)
- REF 4183L 64¼"L (163 cm)

#### INDICATIONS FOR USE:

- Patients needing a reminder to call for assistance before exiting a chair, and are able to follow instructions.
- Patients needing a positioning device for added safety while in a chair.

**CAUTION** This product is designed for self-release. If the patient is not able to easily self-release, it is considered a restraint and must be prescribed by a physician.

#### CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- **DO NOT** use on a patient who is or becomes highly aggressive, combative, agitated, or suicidal.
- **DO NOT** use on patients with: ostomy, colostomy, or G-tubes; hernias, severe Cardio Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD); or with post-surgery tubes, incisions or monitoring lines. These could be disrupted by a restraint.
- **DO NOT** use on a patient who is unwilling or unable to follow instructions, and is at risk of a fall or re-injury from self-release.

#### ADVERSE REACTIONS

- Severe emotional, psychological, or physical problems may occur: if the applied device is uncomfortable; or if it severely limits movement. If symptoms of these problems ever appear for any reason, get help from a qualified medical authority and find a less restrictive, product or intervention.

#### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

**CAUTION** Before use, check device for damage. Discard if you have any questions about patient safety.

1. Remove two seat screws (one on each side) from the back of the wheelchair seat. These screws hold the seat to the frame (fig. 1).
2. Put the screws through the grommets on the belt, and screw them back into the wheelchair seat and frame.
3. Position the patient as far back in the seat as possible, with the buttocks against the back of the chair.
4. Bring the lap belt across the patient's thighs at a 45-degree angle (fig. 2). Connect the airline buckle so the belt is across the patient's lower lap. The belt must be snug, but not interfere with breathing. To check for proper fit, slide an open hand (flat) between the belt and the patient.
5. Check that the straps are secure and will not change position, loosen, or tighten if the patient pulls on them, or if the chair is tilted or adjusted.



FIG. 1

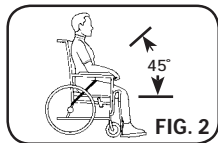


FIG. 2

#### WARNING

Heed these warnings to reduce the risk of serious injury or death:

- There is a risk of chest compression or suffocation, if the patient's body weight is suspended off the chair seat. Use extreme caution with chair cushions. If a cushion dislodges, straps may loosen and allow the patient to slide off the seat (fig. 3).
- Monitor per facility policy to ensure that the patient cannot slide down, or fall off the chair seat and become suspended (fig. 3).



FIG. 3

- **STOP USE AT ONCE:** if the patient is at risk to slide forward or down in the device.

**NOTE:** A restraint with a pelvic piece will help to reduce the risk of sliding. See Posey Catalog.

- Before leaving the patient unattended, explain the purpose for the belt. Make sure the patient understands:
  - the need to call for assistance before exiting the chair; and
  - how to self-release in an emergency.

ADDITIONAL SAFETY AND LAUNDERING INSTRUCTIONS ON OTHER SIDE



