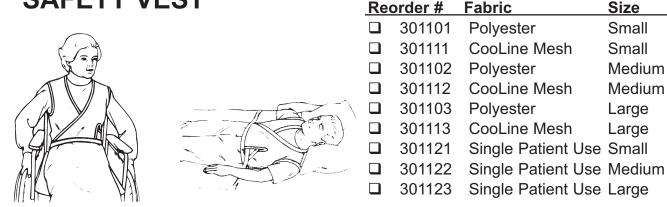


# SAFETY VEST



Caution: Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician or licensed health care professional.

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**Indications -** The Skil-Care Safety Vest is recommended for use with a patient who:

- n Requires restraint while in the wheelchair or bed
- n Requires a reminder not leave the wheelchair or bed without assistance

#### **Contraindications for Use -** Do not use this device with a patient who:

- n Slides down in the wheelchair
- n Moves toward the foot of the bed
- n Required posture control in the wheelchair
- n Has a history of easily removing vest-style or poncho-style restraints.
- n Is in geri-chair or lounge chair. This device is intended for wheelchair and bed use only.

### **Application** Select proper size for your patient.

#### Sizing Table for Skil-Care Products (see note)

Binding Color	Size	Weight(lb./kg.)
Red	Small	80-130/26-59
Green	Medium	130-160/59-73
Yellow	Large	160-200/73-91
Grey	X-Large	200+/91+

Note: Device size to patient weight relationships are approximate. Another criterion for device size selection may include patient torso size. Improper size selection may be indicated by difficulty experienced when closing zipper or shoulder seams that fall two or more inches below patient's shoulder.

Size

Small

Small

Large

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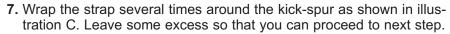
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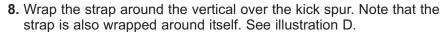
### Wheelchair Application

- 1. Before seating patient in wheelchair, make certain that both brakes are locked and both footrests are positioned to the sides of the chair. Seat patient as far back in the wheelchair as possible. Position footrests to the front of the chair and place patient's feet on them.
- 2. Always put Safety Vest on with opening to the front. Never put Safety Vest on with opening to patient's back. This device is made with a deep neckline to reduced possibility of strangulation if the patient slides down in wheelchair. Putting the vest on backwards compromises this safety feature.
- 3. Thread stap from patient's ride side through slit on patient's left side. Pull strap through until Safety Vest fits snugly at waist. Note: Straps should not be se snug as to interfere with patient's breathing. You should be able to slide your open hand between the device and the patient.
- **4.** Behind the wheelchair, pass both waist straps through the space between the wheelchair backrest and seat.

See **important warnings and cautions** on reverse side.

- 5. Cross the straps, wrapping one around the other as shown in illustration A.
- 6. Position left strap at right kick-spur and right strap at left kick-spur as shown in illustration B.





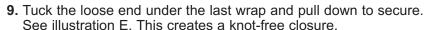








Illustration C







## **Bed Application**

- 1. Put Safety Vest on patient with opening to front. Never put Safety Vest on with opening to patient back. See Step 2 under "Wheelchair Application" on reverse side.
- 2. Thread strap from patient's right side through slit on patient's left side. Pull strap through until Safety Vest fits snugly at waist. Extend right strap to left side of bed and left strap to right side. Note: straps should not be so snug as to interfere with patient's breathing. You should be able to slide your open hand between the device and patient.





3. Position patient hips to the point where the bed forms a "V" when raised.

Always secure straps to the part of the bed that moves when patient is raised or lowered. Never attach straps to the part of the bed that does not move when raised and lowered.

**4.** Raise and lock bed rails before leaving patient.

Always raise and lock bed rails when patient is wearing Safety Vest. Never leave bed rails in lowered position when patient is unattended.





#### Laundering

This device should not be laundered or dried at temperatures that exceed 180° F(82° C). Do not use bleach. See important warnings and cautions below.

## Always...

Always inspect condition of device.



Never use a device that has worn or frayed fabric or webbing. Discard damaged units immediately. Do not

alter products.

Never...



Always read package insert to determine if device is intended for wheelchair and/or bed use.



Never use a Skil-Care device as a restraint in a motor vehicle.



Always monitor patients in restrictive devices. Make certain to follow your facility's procedures for periodic release, toileting and exercise.



Never place a patient wearing a restrictive device in a place where he/she is not easily monitored.



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