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6 Monthly Thorough Sling Inspection Checklist

This checklist has been developed by Pelican & Slingspector. Ensure this checklist is suitable for your particular sling, sling user, and the environment in which the sling is used.

Sling ID	
Date of inspection	
Date of the last inspection	
Organisation name and address	

Label Requirements	Yes	No	Comment
Does it show sufficient information to enable a user to identify the Sling?			
Does it show a unique Serial or ID Number?			
Does it show marking to indicate if the Sling is designed only to be used on one dedicated type of spreader bar, e.g. coat hanger or tilt frame?			
Does it show the manufacturer's name, or trading name, and address?			
Does it show the date of manufacture?			
Does it show the size of the Sling?			
Does it show the Safe Working Load (SWL)?			
Does it show a warning/attention mark which refers the carer to the Instructions For Use of the Sling?			
Does it show any warnings, restrictions, or precautions that should be taken when in use?			
Does it show any special operating instructions for use?			
If applicable, does it show an indication that the Sling is intended for a single use only? If the Sling has been returned from being used it should be disposed of.			
Does it show cleaning instructions?			
Does it show any special handling or storage requirements?			
Note: The information below may not be on the label, and should therefore be on the hardcopy Instructions For Use			
Does it show the method of lifting, e.g. sitting, sitting/reclined?			
Does it show if a Sling is not suitable for a specific disability?			
Does it show a warning not to use a damaged or badly worn Sling?			
Has the Sling been specially made for a particular person? If so, what is their name? If the Sling is not being used by that person it should be disposed of.			
Does it show the batch code, lot number or serial number of the Sling?			
If applicable, does it show the date up to when the Sling can be safely used?			
For the following items, check for fraying, loose stitching, tears, holes, soiled fabric, abnormal wear patterns, excessive wear, discolouration, bleach damage, heat damage			
Check the fabric			
Check the edging			
Check the seams & stitching			
Check the straps, including bar stitching on both sides of the webbing straps, and check where the straps attach to the Sling, give a 'tug test'			
Check any Velcro (if fitted)			
Check any customised features (if fitted)			
Check buckles (if fitted) for compatibility & strength - attach buckle and give a 'tug test'			
Test by hand where the straps are sewn onto the Sling			
Does the Sling show signs of being repaired? If yes, is it still safe to use?			
Are there any signs of a defect which is not yet, but could become a danger? If yes, what is the timeframe for it becoming such a danger?			

Date next inspection is due	
Name of the inspector	
Signature of the inspector	