



## Patient Sling Laundry Instructions

The body of the reusable sling is made of quick-dry, heat set and flame retardant polyester. The straps are high-strength nylon webbing. The padding is closed-cell polyethylene foam. There is no latex in Barton Medical slings. While the materials comply with applicable standards for strength, shrinkage and flammability, slings are subject to wear and tear, which increases with usage. **Before each use check for fraying or cuts/tears in the straps and body of the sling.** Slings that show wear or damage should be taken out of service.

### LAUNDRY INSTRUCTIONS

Barton Medical slings are of sturdy design, but the particulars of their construction call for specific laundry treatment:

- Machine wash at normal setting and at 140F/60C. Depending on the washing machine, this usually means on a medium temperature setting.
- Always use a laundry bag when washing a sling in a top-loading washing machine. If washed loose, the thicker portions of the sling may get trapped underneath the agitator, which will lead to marking and tearing.
- Don't use chlorine bleach or detergents containing such substances.
- Line drying is best. Tumble-drying at a normal setting and the lowest temperature also gives good results.
- Don't dry clean.
- Don't iron.

#### Note:

The most common causes of laundering damage to slings are ***the machine-washing in a top-loader without a laundry bag and machine drying at high temperatures.*** Overloading a dryer, even at medium temperatures, may expose fabric directly to hot spots caused by the heating element just outside the drum.

