

## DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT

The Posey HeadStart Notification Sensor Belt for Chair is intended to provide the earliest possible warning that a patient is at immediate risk of exiting the chair. Monitoring starts as soon as both yellow straps are fastened (white hook to white loop and blue hook to blue loop) the Alarm activates the instant the first yellow strap is unfastened and the secondary release helps provide additional time before patient can exit the chair.

## POSEY® HEADSTART™ NOTIFICATION SENSOR BELT FOR CHAIR



**8399** Adjusts from 31"-77" (79 cm-196 cm). For most bedside chairs and wheelchairs.

**8399L** Adjusts up to 89" (226 cm). For most larger bedside chairs, cardiac chairs or recliners and patients with larger waist sizes.

**8399SL** Adjusts from 31"-77" (79 cm-196 cm). 3-foot cord version. For most wheelchairs.

**8399LSL** Adjusts up to 89" (226 cm). 3-foot cord version. For most wheelchairs.

## PRECAUTIONS

- The HeadStart™ Notification Sensor is a non-invasive way to monitor patient movement. This device DOES NOT prevent falls and is not a substitute for good nursing care and regular visual monitoring. This product should be used in conjunction with facility's falls management program.
- The HeadStart™ Notification Sensor is designed for use with Posey alarms ONLY. Read and follow all instructions for the Posey alarm. Test with Posey alarm prior to application (see Releasing Belt & Testing Alarm).
- NEVER connect to other manufacturers' alarm units.
- Read this entire instruction sheet and save for future reference.

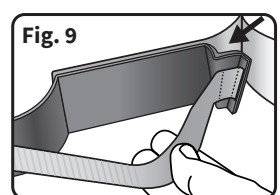
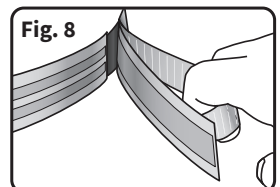
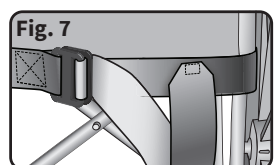
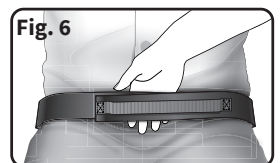
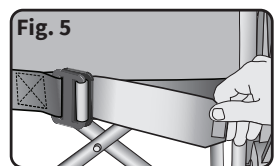
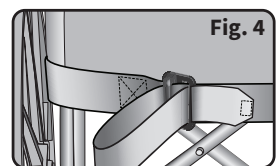
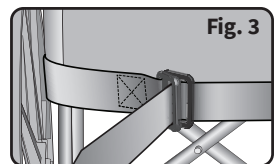
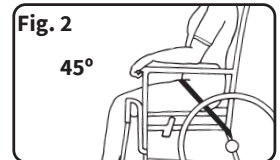
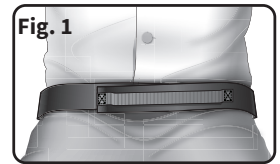
## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sit patient upright in chair.
2. Ensure both straps - white hook to white loop and blue hook to blue loop are connected.
3. Place belt around patient at smallest part of the waist, or just above hips (Fig. 1). Belt should be snug, but not cause any discomfort to the patient.
  - Position the belt so the cord is on the same side of the chair as the Posey alarm and route cable to alarm to prevent tripping hazard and away from chair mechanism (as applicable).
4. Draw straps down from waist at a 45° angle (Fig. 2).
5. Position strap ends behind chair back as low as possible so the belt cannot slide up off the chair. Thread tail of pointed strap through both plastic d-rings of other strap (Fig. 3), then back over one ring and through the other ring (Fig. 4).
6. Pull strap until belt is snug (Fig. 5), but does not cause any discomfort to patient. You should be able to slide your open hand (flat) between the belt and the patient (Fig. 6).
7. Attach loose end of strap to secured belt using small patch of hook on pointed strap end. This will help prevent the excess strap from touching the floor (Fig. 7).
8. Connect cord to alarm at jack labeled "SENSOR." Ensure alarm is on and monitoring.
9. Use both hands to squeeze hook and loop firmly with fingers and thumbs (on underside of belt and top of belt) to activate alarm and ensure proper device function and prevent false alarms.

### Releasing Belt & Testing Alarm:

1. Pull on first yellow strap to disconnect white hook and loop (Fig. 8).
2. Pull on second yellow strap to disconnect blue hook and loop. Release belt from patient (Fig. 9).
3. To resume monitoring, re-connect blue hook and loop, then connect white hook and loop. Squeeze firmly to activate alarm and ensure proper device function.

Check that alarm is ON and that sensor belt/alarm system is working properly EACH TIME before leaving patient unattended. Pull first yellow strap to activate alarm then connect for monitoring. STOP USE AT ONCE if alarm fails to sound.



## CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Small spills may be wiped clean with a cloth dampened with mild solution of soap and water. Take extra care with sensor plug.
2. If hook and loop straps become wet, alarm may not sound. Excess moisture may prevent sensor from activating, increasing risk of injury. If straps become wet, discontinue use until completely dry. If necessary, use a stiff brush to remove dust and lint from hook and loop.
3. NEVER:
  - Use any cleaner that contains Phenol.
  - Immerse in liquid; or
  - Sterilize with heat.
4. Dry with a clean cloth and/or air dry. Product must be completely dry before use. Do not launder. Discard if soiled following facility protocols.

## STORAGE AND HANDLING

- This device is designed for use in normal indoor environments.
- This device may be stored in ambient warehouse temperatures at normal humidity levels. Avoid excess moisture or high humidity, as that may damage product materials.

## DISPOSAL

This item is disposable and single patient use for up to thirty (30) days. Properly dispose of the product per facility policy for BIOHAZARDOUS material.

## LIMITED WARRANTY

This product is warranted for thirty (30) days from date of first use.

## ⚠️ WARNING

- Ensure all parts of the system are operational before leaving patient unattended. Failure to follow these instructions could result in serious injury.
- 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.
- Any attempt to release the product from the patient without using the indicated release handles is considered misuse and could potentially lead to patient chair exit without alarm.
- To mitigate false alarms, ensure silver conductive hook and loop within straps does not come in contact with any metals.
- A clinical assessment and decision are required when used with wound or surgical site, ostomy, colostomy, G-tubes; hernias, monitoring lines, or other surgical drains/tubes.
  - Not for use on patients at risk for suicide. Not for use anywhere else a clinician deems unnecessary.
- Never jerk or pull on the cord to remove the sensor cord plug. Doing so will damage cord wires.

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