

Terms & Conditions of Sling Hire

1. When using a hired baby sling, your child's safety is your responsibility. Misuse can cause injury to the wearer and child. **It is your responsibility to ensure that you are using the sling correctly and that your baby or child is safe at all times when using the sling. Please seek advice if you are unsure.**

We suggest that, after familiarising yourself with the instructions given, you then practice using the sling with a doll/teddy or cushion/pillow so that you get used to the tying/fastening/adjusting methods. It is sensible to have another adult present on the first few occasions you put your child in the sling.

2. Follow carefully the sling consultant's advice and any instructions provided. **Please seek advice if you are unsure.**

3. Check for signs of wear and tear so as not to put your child at risk. Check:

- carrier stitching is secure and there are no rips, tears, holes or obvious wear and tear to the fabric
- buckles or rings (if any) are secure with no cracks, breaks or missing pieces.
- webbing or safety elastic (if any) is attached with no rips or frays.

Signing this agreement means you have checked and confirmed that the sling is in working order. **If any damage is discovered, stop using the sling immediately and contact us.**

4. Please take good care of the sling and any accessory that comes with it, so that they can be used to help more parents in the future. Should the sling be lost or damaged beyond normal wear and tear, **you will be charged £40 to help pay for a replacement.**
5. We ask that all slings are returned in a clean and usable condition but please **do not wash** the sling because if not washed correctly the sling could be damaged and you will be charged for a replacement. If the sling becomes dirty, please carefully spot clean using water and a soft cloth. Where spot cleaning is not possible, please contact the sling library for further guidance.
6. Slings must be returned on time unless by prior agreement. We may be unable to extend a loan if we have a waiting list. **Please note that it is your responsibility to return the sling to the library.**
7. A **late fee of £1 per day** will apply to unarranged late returns.