

## SLING DETACHMENT WARNING!

Due to a recent incident in which a patient who was being hoisted was dropped onto a chair below, we feel it necessary to issue this warning. The incident involved a portable hoist being used with a Quickfit deluxe sling.

Portable hoists have only one hook on each side to fit the sling loops to, this can make it quite confusing when checking to see if the loops are on correctly, as there are multiple loops going to each hook.

We would like to reiterate that before lifting, the operators of the hoist must check that the loops are on the hooks correctly in accordance with hoist training and manufacturers instructions.



On the **left** the picture shows that the loop is on the hook correctly, it is always wise to check and double check the straps prior to lifting.

On the **right** the picture shows that the loop is **NOT** on correctly. The sling is actually resting on the retaining clip of the spreader bar which will not take the weight of the patient. This can easily happen on most hoists, we found it can happen when the hooks bob up and down, the sling loops can work their way into this position, and when weight is applied they can pull off.



**Please ensure that the sling loops are fitted correctly to the spreader bar prior to lifting.**