This box contains: 1-Sash® 1-Detachable Hood

**Sash® Carrier Owners Manual Instructions**

**WARNING:** FALL HAZARD
Small children can fall through a leg opening. Follow instructions for use. Only use this carrier for babies between 8 lbs (3.6 kgs) and 36 lbs (16.3 kgs). Adjust leg openings to fit baby's legs snugly. When fastening shoulder straps, keep one hand on baby at all times.

**WARNING:** STRANGULATION HAZARD
Possible entanglement or strangulation injury. Keep carrier away from children when not in use.

**WARNING:** TRIP HAZARD
Make sure all straps are securely tied and free from legs and feet when walking. Use caution to avoid the end of straps from getting caught in escalators, moving walkways, or closing doors.

**WARNING:**
• STOP! First time users should be assisted by a partner.
• IMPORTANT! The baby must face towards you until he/she can hold head upright without assistance.
• This carrier is not intended to be used for Baby Facing Out Position.
• ALWAYS Check to ensure all buckles, snaps, straps, and adjustments are secure before each use.
• DO NOT lean forward with the baby in the carrier. DO NOT bend at the waist – only bend at the knees to make sure the baby stays securely in the carrier.
• Your balance may be adversely affected by your movement and that of your baby.
• DO NOT use “Detachable Hood” if wearing baby in the Back Carry Position.
• NEVER place more than one child in this carrier.
• DO NOT wear more than one carrier at a time ever.
• NEVER lean against baby. ALWAYS make sure there is enough room around your baby's face to provide a clear source of air.
• NEVER leave a baby unattended in this carrier.
• DO NOT USE PRODUCT IF DETERIORATION OR PROBLEMS ARE DETECTED.
• This product is subject to wear and tear over time. Inspect prior to each use.
• DO NOT use this carrier as a child restraint in a motor vehicle. This product will not properly restrain your baby in the event of a crash.
• KEEP AWAY from fire and heat sources.
• This carrier is not suitable for use during sporting activities.
• DO NOT use in showers, pools or any water environments.
Helpful Hints:

* The Sash® is based on a centuries-old style of baby wearing that allows for maximum comfort and flexibility. The many ways to wear the Sash® allows you to customize it to your own look and fit.

* **Front Carry Position** - Your child must face toward you until he or she can hold their head upright without assistance. In this position, you can entertain and bond with your baby by talking, touching, playing, and making eye-contact while still having your hands free.

* **Hip Carry Position** - Once your little one can sit up on their own and hold their head upright without assistance, you can use the option of carrying them on your hip, this is a popular, natural and comfortable position for the child. They can see out as well as see your face and they can snuggle with you.

* **Back Carry Position** - When your little one can sit up on his or her own, you have the option of carrying them on your back. The back carry position allows your baby to have the best of both worlds - to be carried by you, but also be free to check out what is going on around.

* It is best to limit the use of your carrier to 10-20 minutes until you and your baby are both completely comfortable in it together.

* Wearing the Sash® high up on your chest (or back depending on carrying position) and closer to your body will minimize stress on your back and shoulders.

* How do you know if your baby is at the right height when worn in the front? - You should be able to tilt forward slightly and kiss the top of your child’s head.

* Frequently look under the hood and check on baby. DO NOT use “Detach-able Hood” if wearing baby in the “Back Carry” position.

Care Instructions:
Remove hood. Machine wash cold, separately or we recommend placing in a mesh bag (mesh bag not included), on gentle cycle with mild detergent. DO NOT bleach. Wipe clean with cloth or sponge between machine washings. Drip dry. DO NOT iron.
**Instructions:**

1. **Carrier use for an Infant: Facing-In Position**
   * STOP! First time users should be assisted by a partner. Baby should always be comfortable in carrying positions. If baby is fussing it could be an indication that they are improperly positioned. If this occurs, take baby out immediately and adjust. *IMPORTANT! Keep one hand on baby until all straps are properly fastened. *IMPORTANT! Baby must be carried in this position until he/she is able to hold their head upright. This carrier is not intended for use in the Facing-Out position.

   1. Hold the carrier upside down by the “waist straps” with the patterned panel facing towards your body and the shoulder straps hanging down.

   2. Place carrier flat against your body at your natural waist (where your belly button is) and tie the “waist straps” tightly behind your back. Tie in a double knot.

   3. Once carrier is properly tied, lift baby up facing towards you and place them high up on your chest. Baby’s legs will be naturally open with a comfortable bend at the knees.

   4. Keeping one hand secure on baby, pull carrier body over baby’s entire body and pull the “shoulder straps” over your shoulders.

   5. While holding baby securely with your right hand, use your left hand to reach behind your back to grab the “shoulder strap” from the opposite side of your body. Bring strap around the front. Repeat with the other “shoulder strap”. This will create an X on your back.

   6. With the “shoulder straps” in the front of your body, tie them in a double knot across the middle of your baby’s back to close off the sides of the carrier.

   7. Baby’s head should be turned to one side and not buried against your chest to ensure proper airflow.

2. **Carrier use for an Older Baby: Facing-In Position**

   * Baby must be carried in this position until he/she is able to sit up on their own.

   1. Repeat steps 1-2 of Carrier Use for Infant: Facing in Position.

   2. Once carrier is properly tied, lift baby up facing towards you and place them against your body in the tummy-to-tummy position. Their legs should wrap around your waist.

   3. Keeping one hand secure on baby, pull carrier body over baby’s back and pull the “shoulder straps” over your shoulders.

   * ALWAYS keep a supportive hand on baby - either yours or that of a partner helping to assist you while placing baby in the carrier
4. While holding baby securely with your right hand, use your left hand to reach behind your back to grab the “shoulder strap” from the opposite side of your body. Bring strap around the front. Repeat with the other “shoulder strap”. This will create an X on your back.

5. With the “shoulder straps” in the front of your body, you can Front Tie across the middle of your baby’s back in a double knot, or if the strap length allows, you can tie in the back. Back Tie: Take the “shoulder straps” over child’s thighs, cross on the carrier body at child’s bum, take back beneath the child’s legs and tie in a double knot behind you.

How to use your Detachable Hood:

* IMPORTANT! Baby’s air flow should not be obstructed at any time. ALWAYS make sure there is enough room around your baby’s face to provide a clear source of air.

* IMPORTANT! Baby must be able to sit up on their own before being worn in the back carry position.

1. Attach hood to carrier by snapping the two snaps at the base of the hood to the matching snaps on the front of the carrier body.

2. Attach snaps on hood straps to desired matching snaps on both of the carrier straps. Note: Hood straps should not criss-cross.

3. Once carrier is properly tied, lean forward slightly and have your partner lift baby up and place them on your back. Baby’s legs should wrap around your waist.

* IMPORTANT! ALWAYS keep a supportive hand on baby - either yours or that of a partner helping to assist you while placing baby in the carrier.

4. With your partner still supporting baby, pull the carrier body over baby’s back and pull the “shoulder straps” over the front of your shoulders.

3. Carrier use for an Older Baby: Back Carry Position Assisted

* STOP! First time users, DO NOT attempt to use the carrier in the backpack position without the assistance of a second person. We highly recommend always using the assistance of a second person.

* IMPORTANT! Baby must be able to sit up on their own before being worn in the back carry position.

1. Hold the carrier upside down by the “waist straps” with the patterned panel facing towards your body (behind you) and the “shoulder straps” hanging down.

2. Place carrier flat against your body at your natural waist (where your belly button is) and tie the “waist straps” tightly in front of you. Tie in a double knot.

3. Once carrier is properly tied, lean forward slightly and have your partner lift baby up and place them on your back. Baby’s legs should wrap around your waist.

* IMPORTANT! Baby’s air flow should not be obstructed at any time. ALWAYS make sure there is enough room around your baby’s face to provide a clear source of air.

* IMPORTANT! Frequently look under hood and make sure baby is not over heated, and fabric is not in baby’s face.
5. Take “shoulder straps” down over your shoulders (like a backpack). Pull straps to make sure they are tight and take them back behind you going over baby’s thighs, then cross over baby’s bum and bring to the front (beneath baby’s legs) to tie at the waist. Tie in a double knot. Once carrier is securely tied, your partner can remove their support of baby.

* IMPORTANT! Before releasing your hold on the baby, ensure that all straps are securely tied.

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4. **Carrier use for an Older Baby: Hip Carry Position**

* Baby must be able to sit up on their own before being worn in the hip carry position.

1. Hold the carrier upside down by the “waist straps” with the patterned panel facing towards your body and the “shoulder straps” hanging down.

2. Place carrier flat against your body at your natural waist (where your belly button is) off to one side. Tie the “waist straps” tightly opposite the hip on which you want to carry baby. Tie in a double knot.

3. Once carrier is properly tied, lift baby up and place them against your hip. Their legs should wrap around your waist.

* ALWAYS keep a supportive hand on baby when wrapping the carrier.

4. Keeping one hand secure on baby, pull carrier body over baby’s back. Drape the “shoulder strap” that is falling in front of you over your opposite shoulder and across your back.

5. Take the shoulder strap that is falling behind you and bring it beneath your armpit and straight across your back.

6. With the “shoulder straps” in the front of your body, you can **Front Tie** across the middle of your baby’s back in a double knot, or if the strap length allows, you can tie in the back. **Back Tie**: Take the “shoulder straps” over child’s thighs, cross on the carrier body at child’s bum, take back beneath the child’s legs and tie in a double knot behind you.
1. **IMPORTANT! When releasing baby from carrier, keep at least one hand on baby at all times.**

2. For removal with assistance, have the second person support the child while you untie the "shoulder straps". While the assistant is still supporting the child remove both shoulder straps and have the second person lift the child out of the carrier body. Untie “waist strap” and remove carrier.

3. For removal by yourself, sit down slowly and carefully in a secure corner before removing the carrier.

   * IMPORTANT! DO NOT lean against baby. ALWAYS make sure there is enough room around your baby’s face to provide a clear source of air.

4. Untie the “shoulder straps” and remove them slowly lowering baby off your back into the secure corner.

5. Carefully untie the “waist strap” and remove baby from carrier.

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**Removing Baby from Carrier: Facing-In & Hip Carry Position**

1. Before loosening any knots, make sure that you have one supportive hand on baby at all times. Hand should be supporting baby underneath the carrier.

2. Release knot that was created by the “shoulder straps” and let carrier fold down in front of you.

3. Place baby down in a safe secure location.

4. Untie bottom knot that was created by the waist straps and remove carrier.

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**Removing Baby from Carrier: Back Carry Position**

* Note: To remove your child from the back carry position you may either use the assistance of a second person or perform the procedure alone using a secure corner (like a couch)

* IMPORTANT! When releasing baby from carrier, keep at least one hand on baby at all times.

1. For removal with assistance, have the second person support the child while you untie the "shoulder straps". While the assistant is still supporting the child remove both shoulder straps and have the second person lift the child out of the carrier body. Untie “waist strap” and remove carrier.

2. For removal by yourself, sit down slowly and carefully in a secure corner before removing the carrier.

   * IMPORTANT! DO NOT lean against baby. ALWAYS make sure there is enough room around your baby’s face to provide a clear source of air.

3. Untie the “shoulder straps” and remove them slowly lowering baby off your back into the secure corner.

4. Carefully untie the “waist strap” and remove baby from carrier.