

# Cleaning and Care

General cleaning; multiple harnesses may be washed, using warm water with a mild soap solution. **\*Important- Do not use detergents** 

## Hand Wash:

Product is best washed in a drum or container where it can be gently agitated by hand for 2 minutes. It is extremely important to rinse the harness thoroughly using cold water.

Spot cleaning; the harness can be cleaned using a sponge or something nonabrasive to the nylon fibers. Mild soap or Sporicidin may be used.

Drying Harness:

Allow the harness to dry by hanging it out of direct sunlight. Expect about 1 day to dry depending upon humidity.\*Do not use dryers, or heat guns.

\* If the web feels stiff after drying, this indicates soap may be within the nylon fibers left from the wash. The Harness will need to be rinsed thoroughly. Note: never store a wet or damp Harness/lanyard

## Important: Do not use detergents.

Why? The short answer: soap is natural and detergent is not.

Soap is created by mixing fats and oils with an alkali or base. Since soap is natural, it is biodegradable and less harmful to the environment than detergents. Detergents are made by combining chemicals in a slurry mixer. The mixture heats up as a result of chemical reactions.

## Blood borne pathogens and cleaners

Harnesses that have come into contact with blood or other body fluids need to be decontaminated. Blood borne pathogens require the use of a disinfectant. Robertson Harness recommends Sporicidin as a sanitizing solution for our medical line of harnesses.

Lifeline Cleaner- This product is often used for cleaning rescue ropes, it was intended to clean petroleum, animal and vegetable based oils, fats, grease and the types of soils encountered in the fire industry. It is biodegradable to U.S. Standards, nontoxic, non-acidic, non-alkali, non-flammable and gentle to the skin.

## Storing your equipment

Harnesses need to be stored in an environment free from dust and humidity. It's important that the harness or lanyard never come in direct contact with chemicals and remain away from heat sources and UV exposure for prolong periods of time. A harness or lanyard should never be exposed to temperatures above 120° F or below -80° F. (Above 48° Celsius) or (below -62° Celsius).

Ziplines and ropes courses need to have a managed control system for the care, inspection and storage of such equipment.

\*keep products clear of Bleach, Acids, and Detergents including Woolite.