

# Walking Reins

Designed to provide gentle guidance and directional assistance for children and adults with challenging behaviour or additional support needs.

These products are useful for those with a limited sense of safety awareness. The Chest Padded Walking Rein was specially designed for individuals at risk of absconding, and is fitted with a chest belt, waist belt & shoulder straps.

Available in three sizes:



☐ **WRNB** - Up to 36 Inch waist  
☐ **WRNBFIX** - Up to 36 Inch waist



☐ **WRCP** - 3 yrs to 8 yrs  
☐ **WRCPFIX** - 3 yrs to 8 yrs (Fixed Rein)



☐ **WRCP/ENL** - 9 yrs to Adult  
☐ **WRCPENLFIX** - 9 yrs to Adult (Fixed Rein)

## Walking Rein (With No Braces) WRNB, WRNBFIX.

Where minimal guidance is required the WRNB has a small chest pad and can be supplied with a Removable or **\*Fixed Rein**.

## Walking Rein (With Chest Pad)

Where greater upper torso support is required the WRCP is available with a Removable or **\*Fixed Rein**.

When the rein is detached, the rein attachment points on the body harness can be connected together neatly out of the way.

## Walking Rein (With Chest Pad Enlarged Version)

The WRCP/ENL is a larger version of the WRCP and is available with a Removable or **\*Fixed Rein**.

When the rein is detached, the rein attachment points on the body harness can be connected together neatly out of the way.

## \*Fixed Reins.

For Fixed Rein models the handling rein is permanently attached via a Steel O-Ring and cannot be removed.

Please consider this option if there is a risk the wearer may remove the handling rein.

## Using the Walking Rein

The walking rein features fully adjustable waist and chest straps, each secured with a Duraflex® Side Squeeze buckle.

To release either buckle, simply squeeze the two side tabs together.

The rein strap attaches to the rein attachment straps located on either side of the chest pad, between the chest and waist straps.

Connection is made using two **Three-Way Side Release Buckles**.

These operate in the same manner as the waist and chest buckles but include an additional safety button on the front of the buckle.

All three buttons must be pressed simultaneously before the buckle can be released.

When the rein strap is detached, the two rein attachment straps can be clipped together to keep them secure and out of the way.

**It is important for safety reasons that the rein strap is always held behind the child and not pulled from the front.**

**This ensures the strain is on the very strong webbing belts and not on the PVC chest pad.**

**Using a harness may assist carers in reducing the risk of harm associated with unexpected movement.**

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# Walking Rein Information

## Important Safety Information

- Walking reins must only be used under the constant supervision of a responsible adult. The wearer must never be left unattended.
- Ensure the walking rein is the correct size and fitted securely. It should be snug enough to provide effective guidance without causing discomfort or restricting movement. The pinch test can be used to check the fit.
- Before each use, inspect the webbing, stitching, buckles and other components for signs of wear or damage. If any defects are found, discontinue use immediately and replace the product.
- When fastening the side-squeeze buckles, ensure clothing and skin are clear of the buckle mechanism. An audible "click" should be heard, confirming the buckle is fully engaged.
- Walking reins are intended to provide gentle guidance whilst walking. They must not be used to drag, jerk or pull the wearer, as this could result in injury. In an emergency, carers should use their judgement to prevent immediate danger.
- During warm weather, regularly check the wearer for signs of overheating or discomfort.
- Where practical, we recommend holding both the individual's hand and the walking rein when crossing roads.
- If the handling rein is not being held whilst the wearer is in a secure enclosed area, it should either be detached or secured safely to prevent it becoming a trip hazard.
- Walking reins should only be worn for as long as necessary. Once the risk of absconding has been removed, such as when the wearer is safely indoors at home or school, the walking rein should be removed unless continued use is required.
- The walking rein is manufactured from polyester webbing with a PVC chest pad. When storing the product, lay the chest pad flat to prevent permanent creasing that could reduce comfort during use.
- Store the walking rein safely out of the reach of children and vulnerable individuals, ensuring the webbing cannot present a trip, entanglement or choking hazard.
- Individuals with existing wrist, arm or shoulder injuries should carefully consider whether they can safely use the walking rein, as controlling another person may aggravate an existing injury.

### **Hand Loops.** (Optional Extra)

These Hand Loops can connect to the rein strap providing a couple of sturdy handles to provide support and directional guidance for the wearer.

**Product Ref: HL**



### **Spare Walking Rein.** (Optional Extra)

Spare Walking Reins are available should one become lost or need replacing.

**Product Ref: WR**



**Important: This walking rein is designed to provide gentle guidance and directional assistance for individuals at risk of absconding whilst under the supervision of a responsible adult.**

**It is not intended to restrain, lift, suspend or carry the wearer and should only be used in accordance with these instructions.**