

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION DO NOT DISCARD

Small Harness (Model 9820) &  
Medium-Slim Harness (Model 9821)

Each package should contain the following:

**1 Body Vest with adjustable shoulder straps**

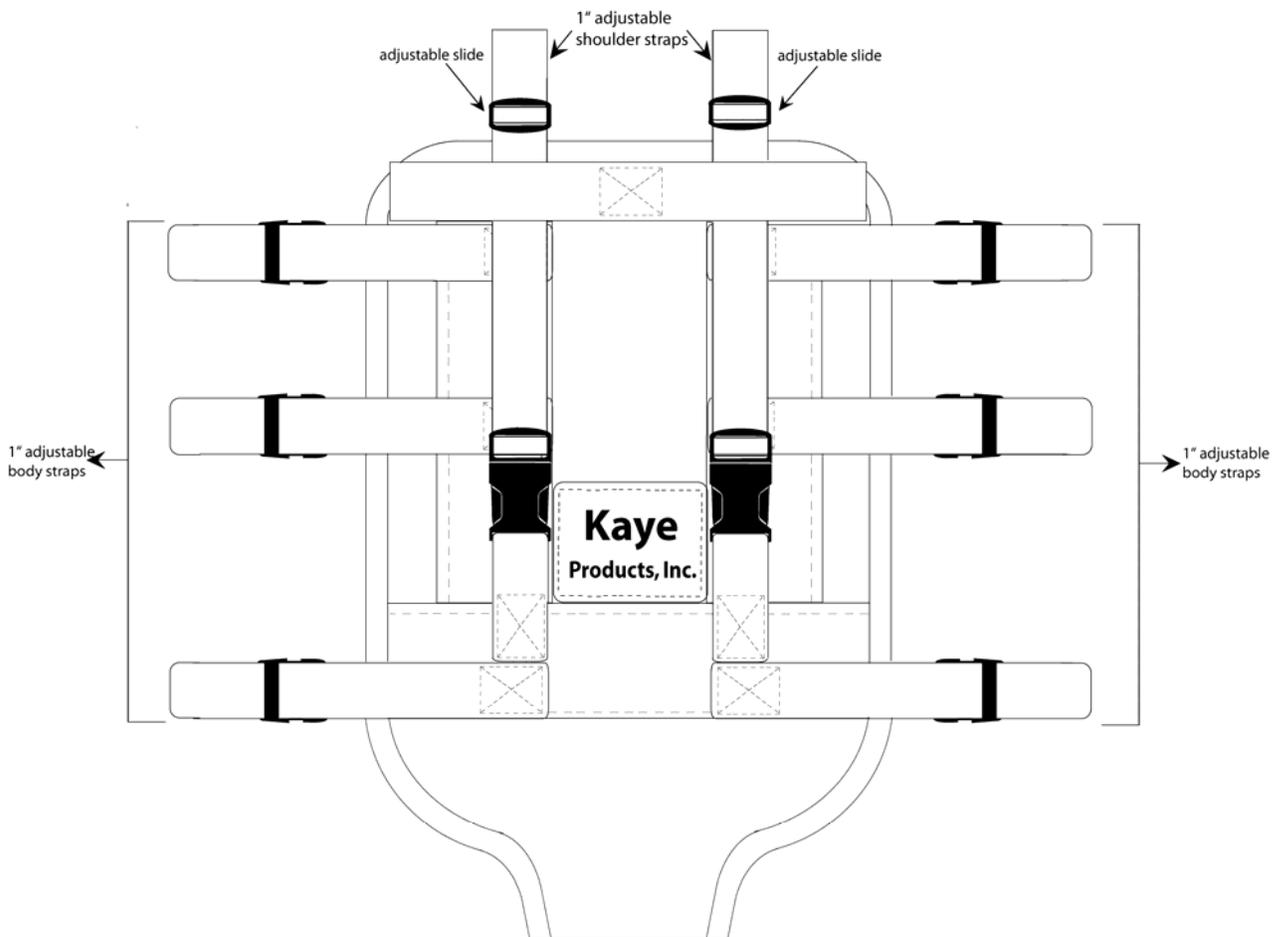


Figure 1: Front view of Body Vest (model 9820)

NOTE: model 9821 has 4 buckles with webbing

### 4 Compression Straps

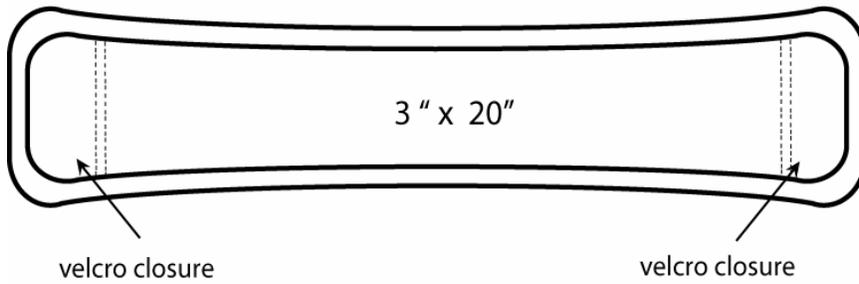


Figure 2: Front view of Compression Straps (4 per harness)

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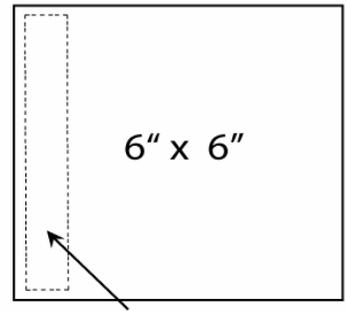


Figure 3: Front view of Strap Pads (4 per harness)

### 2 Shoulder Straps



Figure 5: Front view of Shoulder Straps (2 per package)

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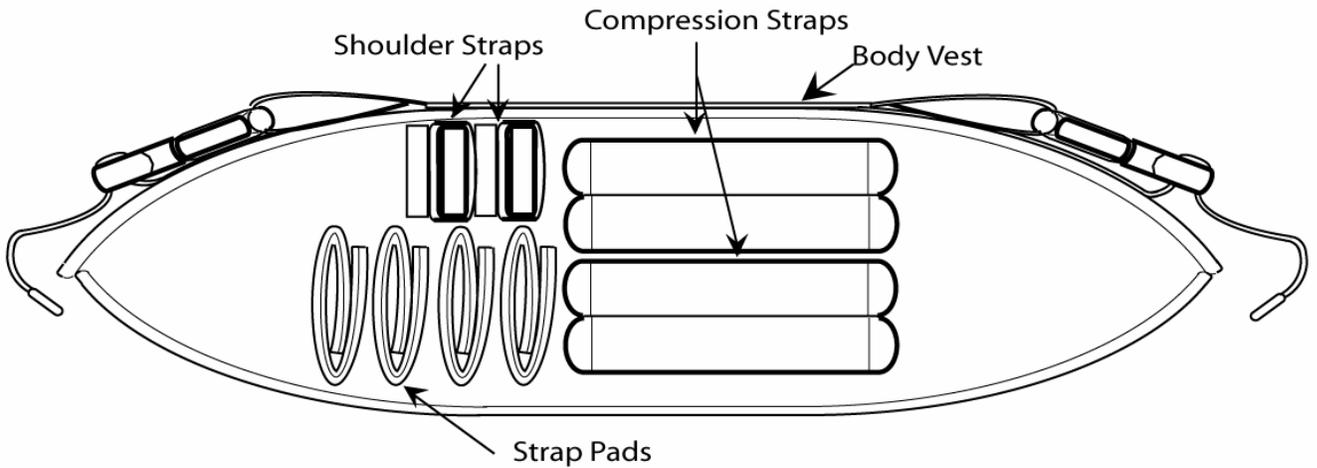


Figure 6: Packed Materials

**IMPORTANT:** Before each use, please check vest, webbing & buckles for wear or damage. Do not use this product if damage has occurred. Contact Kaye Products for repair or replacement instructions.

## Instructions for Donning & Using

\*\* We recommend that the vest be donned while the child is **supine** or **standing with the hips straight**. Because this model fits between the legs like pants, it is most comfortable for children who wear diapers or who are less than 80 lbs. Heavier children may complain of pressure in the groin area.

\*\* **Clothing** under the vest **should not be bulky** (for example, overly-large shirts, sweatshirts or sweatpants) as they may cause uncomfortable wrinkles when the vest is put on. **Slippery fabrics** (for example, Biker pants, jerseys) **should not be worn** as they tend to allow the vest to slide up as the child's weight is suspended in the Kaye Partial Weight Bearing Frame.

1. Unfasten the buckles on each side of the vest (NOTE: 9820 has 3 buckles and 9821 has 4 buckles) & place the panel without the Kaye Products' label on the child's back and bring the vest between the child's legs so the panel with the Kaye Products' label is on the front.
2. Fasten each of the buckles (NOTE: 9820 has 3 buckles and 9821 has 4 buckles) on each side of the vest, pulling evenly on each side so that the vest is **positioned symmetrically** around the child.
3. The vest material can be stretched while fastening, giving some degree of compression around the child's body.
4. Tighten each buckle by pulling on the webbing. It is important for the vest to **fit snugly around the pelvis & trunk**, as this assists with alignment and postural control.

**NOTE:** If the buckles or webbing are uncomfortable around the child's hips, two compression straps or a piece of foam can be added under the harness for extra padding (see 8g below.)

- 5a. Adjust the shoulder straps so they fit comfortably, yet snugly, over the child's shoulders. To make certain these straps stay on the child's shoulder, Velcro is stitched around the top of the harness. Place the straps **under** this Velcro

and align the straps on the child's shoulders. Once the child is placed in the Kaye Partial Weight-Bearing Walking Frame (models SW1 or SW7), these straps can be tightened with the buckles on the front & back of the harness (at pelvic level), taking up any slack. Compensation for flexible asymmetry of the child's trunk is made by adjusting each shoulder strap separately, pulling up on either front or back as needed. The metal slide on each shoulder strap prevents the shoulder strap from readjusting itself.

- 5b. If you are attaching the harness to any suspension kit (SC1,2,3,4) & Kaye Posture Control Walker, you will most likely need to change the shoulder straps to the longer ones that are packaged with the Suspension Conversion Kits. Notice that you need to add the male end of the buckle to these longer straps. Instructions to change the buckles are packaged with these straps.
6. Add the **strap pads** around the hardware that attaches the shoulder straps to the frame. These pads **protect the child's face & head** from the hardware & are an important part of the system.
7. Final adjustments of the tightness around the body and the length of the shoulder straps are made once the child is supported in the Partial Weight-Bearing Walking Frame.
8. Once the child is standing, any or all of the **compression straps** can be added to aid alignment. These straps can be used in the following ways:
  - a. Add straps horizontally around the top of the vest (over the shoulder straps to keep the shoulder straps vertically aligned & close to the user's body.
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- d. Add strap low around the back of the pelvis from one hip to the other to aid pelvic alignment & hip extension.
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- f. Add two straps vertically down the back of the vest from shoulder to hip to aid extension & alignment of the trunk.
- g. For larger children, place the straps down the sides under the webbing or buckles for comfort. This is only needed when the vest is opened so that the webbing is in contact with the child's sides.

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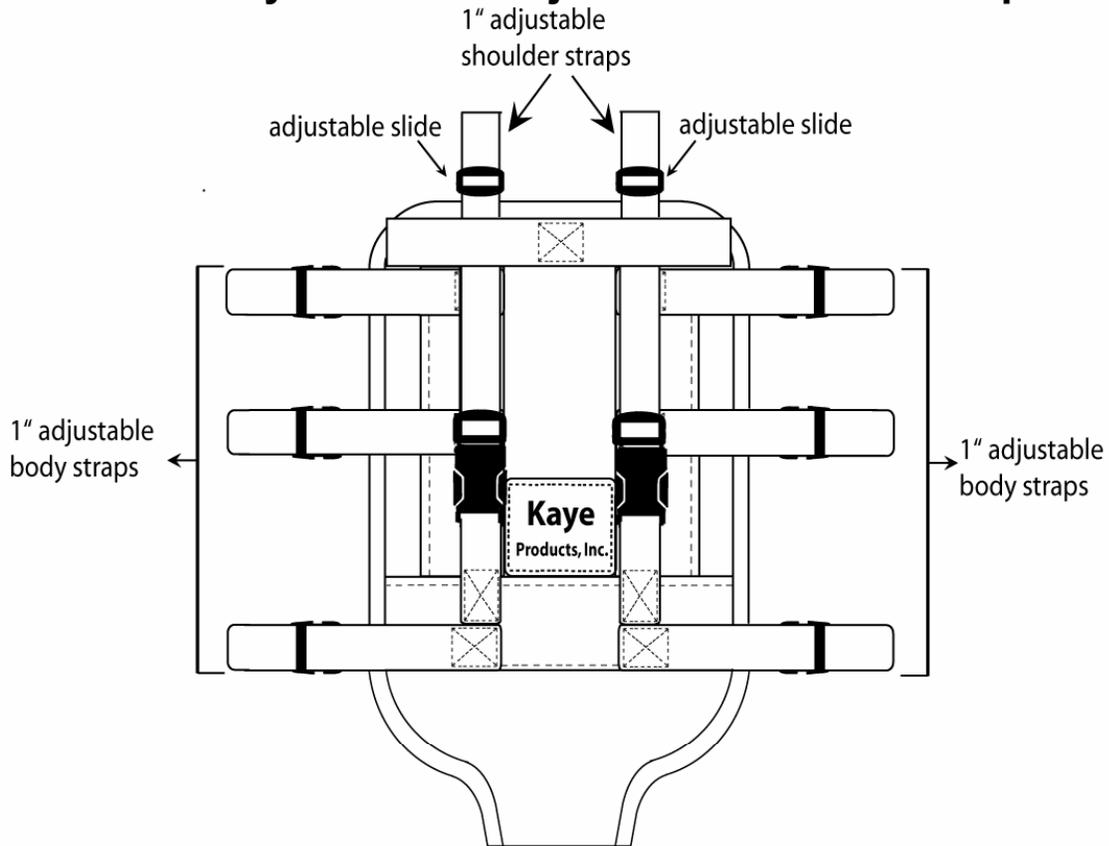


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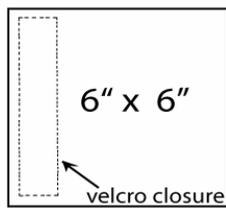


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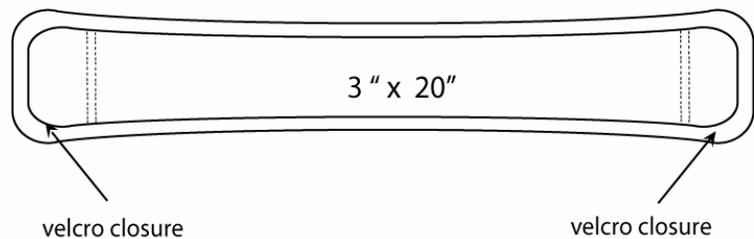


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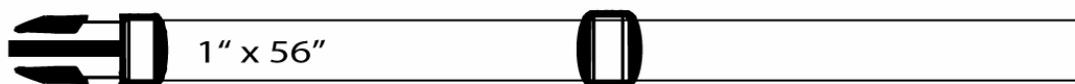


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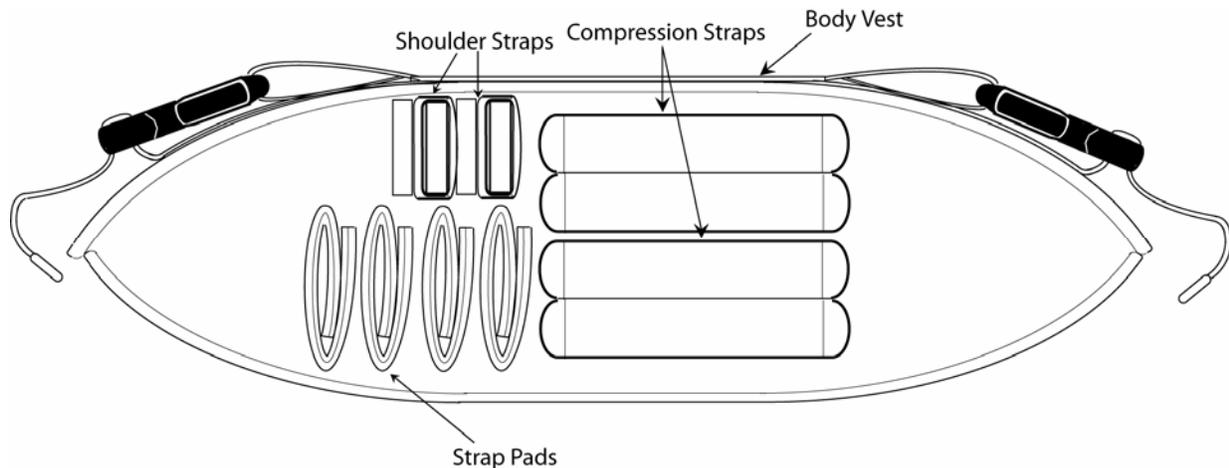


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