



# USER MANUAL

MODE D'EMPLOI



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# IMPORTANT!

## KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

**WARNING:** Your balance may be adversely affected by your movement and that of your child.

**WARNING:** Take care when bending or leaning forward.

**WARNING:** This carrier is not suitable for use during sporting activities.

Be sure to understand all warnings and instructions before practicing and using this product with your child. Practicing, adjusting to your needs should be performed with the assistance of another capable adult or over a soft surface, such as a bed or sofa. To make it more enjoyable for everyone, make sure your child is well-rested and well-fed before you begin. The more you use your Onya, the more comfortable you will become with its use.

**DESIGNED FOR USE** as a carrier for children between 15 and 45 lbs (7 and 20 kilos), and 4 months of age or older.

**INSPECT** your Onya prior to each use for ripped seams, torn straps or fabric and damaged fasteners prior to each use. DO NOT USE if you find any damaged, missing or broken parts

**ALWAYS** listen for an audible “click” when fastening each buckle of your Onya to ensure that each fastener is correctly locked in place. Failure to correctly fasten each buckle will increase the likelihood of injury ALWAYS Check to assure all buckles, snaps, straps, and adjustments are secure before each use. **ALWAYS** ensure proper placement of child in carrier including leg placement. Child’s legs should come out from under shoulder strap buckles, over waistband, and arms coming out above shoulder strap buckles (see instructions for reference).

**NEVER** use a soft carrier when balance or mobility is impaired because of exercise, drowsiness, or medical conditions.

**NEVER** use a soft carrier while engaging in activities such as cooking and cleaning which involve a heat source or exposure to chemicals.

**NEVER** wear a soft carrier while driving or being a passenger in a motor vehicle

**CHECK** that your child’s skin is away from all buckles while fastening, to prevent pinching.

**ALWAYS** wear your Onya snugly; small children can fall through the leg openings.

**ALWAYS** bend at the knees, not the waist, while carrying your child in your Onya. This will decrease the risk of a fall to your child.

**BE AWARE** that your center of balance and profile will feel different while wearing the Onya. Be careful while navigating to avoid bumping your child.

**ONLY** use your Onya as a carrier while walking, standing or sitting. Your Onya should only be worn in the front position while sitting.

**ALWAYS** secure both the seat and back of chair harness straps when using the Onya on a chair. Failure to ensure that straps are fully secured will increase the risk of fall and/or injury to the child.

**NEVER** place a chair being used with the Onya on an uneven surface. Placing a child on an uneven surface will increase the likelihood of fall and/or injury to the child.

**ALWAYS** pull the waist straps snugly around your child while using your Onya on a chair. This will keep her securely in the harness. The harness should come up to her chest and the straps should be under her arms (see illustration for reference).

**ALWAYS** attach the safety strap to at least one table leg while using the Onya on a chair at a table. Doing so will decrease the risk of the child pushing against the table and levering themselves backwards.

**NEVER** use the Onya in any capacity in or on a motorized vehicle or while doing exercise activities, such as biking, jogging or climbing.

**NEVER** place sharp objects in the pockets of your Onya.

**NEVER** use your Onya while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

**NEVER** leave a child unattended in your Onya whether it is secured to a chair or she is in your Onya in its carrier form.

**DESIGNED FOR USE** on a chair with children who have developed independent head and neck muscle control, and are at least 4 months of age.

**Failure** to adhere to all safety instructions and warnings will increase the likelihood of injury to the child and product damage.

### **WARNING: SUFFOCATION RISK**

**CHECK YOUR CHILD OFTEN** to be sure that she is secure and comfortable, with her face uncovered and her airway unrestricted.

**NEVER** position your child so that her chin is pressed against her own chest, restricting her airway.

**NEVER** zip up your coat to enclose your child being carried in the Onya, or cover her with any material that would restrict her airway.

A CHILD CAN SUFFOCATE IN LESS THAN A MINUTE AND AS CONSCIOUSNESS IS LOST, THE CHILD WILL LIKELY NOT BE ABLE TO CRY FOR HELP. PREMATURE BABIES OR THOSE WHO HAVE PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS, SUCH AS A COLD, ARE ESPECIALLY AT RISK OF SUFFOCATION. CAREGIVERS SHOULD EXERCISE EXTRA CAUTION AND CONSULT THEIR PEDIATRICIAN PRIOR TO USING THE ONYA BABY CARRIER.

Read all instructions carefully prior to assembling and using your soft carrier

Always follow instructions for proper and safe use.

Keep instructions for future use.

### **DISCLAIMER**

ONYA BABY, ITS MANUFACTURERS, SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATES AND AGENTS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY THIRD PARTIES, INCLUDING DISTRIBUTORS, WITH RESPECT TO ACCEPTABLE USE OF THIS PRODUCT. FAILURE TO ADHERE TO ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS PROVIDED HEREIN WILL VOID ANY AND ALL WARRANTIES AND EXPECTATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ONYA PRODUCT AND ITS SAFE USAGE.

### **CARE AND MAINTENANCE**

We recommend washing your new ONYA before first use. Buckle all straps and zip all pockets prior to laundering.

Machine wash separately in cold water, on gentle cycle.

Use only mild detergent. DO NOT dry clean, bleach or iron.

Tumble dry no heat or hang to dry.

### **THE ONYA BABY GUARANTEE**

We have the highest standards at Onya Baby. We warrant our products against defects in workmanship or materials for one (1) year from date of purchase. If you find a defect, please return your Onya, with proof of purchase, directly to us so that we can confirm the defect and repair or replace it, at our discretion.

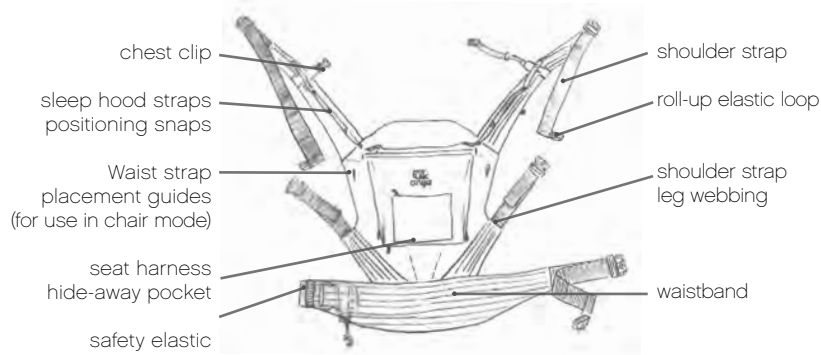
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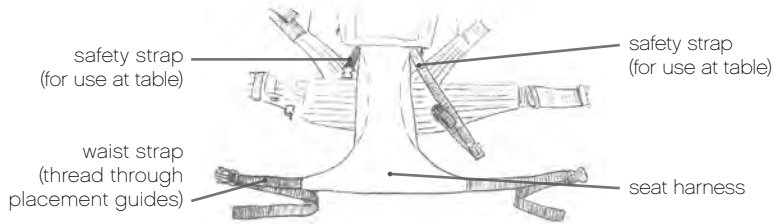
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## THE ANATOMY OF AN ONYA



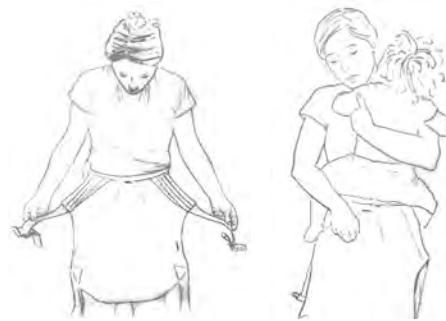
**All chair harness components and safety straps must be stowed in zippered pocket when product is in use as a carrier.**



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## USING YOUR ONYA AS A CARRIER

OPTION 1: directions for front carry - cross-strap



1. Buckle your Onya around your waist so that the waist belt is snug with the body of the Onya in the front. The buckle should pass through safety elastic. Shoulder straps are unbuckled and loose.

2. Hold your baby with one arm while you bring your Onya up behind child's body.



3. Hold your baby with one arm while you bring one shoulder strap over your shoulder and diagonally around to opposite buckle.

4. Buckle and tighten slightly.

5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 using the second shoulder strap.

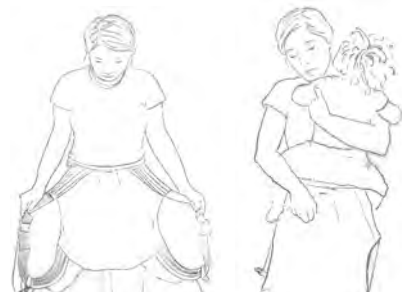


6. Shoulder straps will form an "X" on your back.

7. Adjust the shoulder straps by pulling down on leg webbing and/or up on shoulder strap webbing to tighten. Bounce gently while adjusting straps to settle her deep in seat of Onya.

## USING YOUR ONYA AS A CARRIER

OPTION 2: directions for front carry - using chest clip



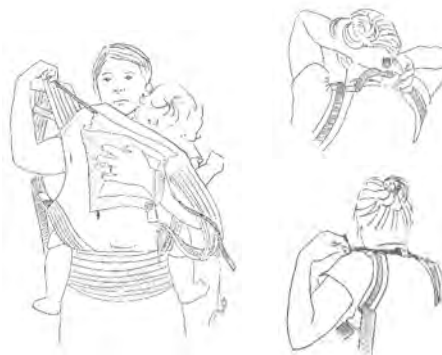
1. Buckle your Onya around your waist so that the waist belt is snug with the body of the Onya in the front. The buckle should pass through safety elastic. Shoulder straps are buckled and loose.

2. Hold your baby with one arm while you bring your Onya up behind child's body.

3. Place shoulder straps around your shoulders.

4. Buckle the chest clip behind back to secure shoulder straps on your shoulders. Pull strap to make snug.

5. Pull up on leg webbing and/or down on shoulder strap webbing to adjust the Onya and make it snug on your body. Bounce gently while adjusting straps to settle her deep in seat of Onya.

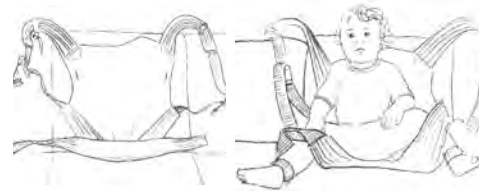


**TIP:** Play around with tightness at this point to figure out what feels most comfortable. All straps must be snug for maximum safety; neither too tight nor too loose. Your baby should be in a position similar to when you carry her in your arms, i.e., her bottom somewhere between your belly and hip level. **Her head should be visible above the body of the Onya and close enough to kiss.**

## USING YOUR ONYA AS A CARRIER

OPTION 3: directions for back carry - from sitting

*To be used from 6 months of age, and when baby has independent muscle control.*



1. Place your Onya front pocket-side-down on a sofa or large armchair. Shoulder straps are buckled like a backpack and are loosened. Waist belt is loosened.

2. Place your baby on the Onya with her legs over waist belt and under leg webbing.



3. Sit directly in front of your baby with your back touching her front. Buckle waist belt around your hips. Pull shoulder straps around your shoulders. Your baby's legs should be over the waist belt and under the shoulder/leg webbing buckle.

4. Pull waist belt webbing and shoulder strap/leg webbing to tighten.

**TIP:** Play around with tightness at this point to figure out what feels most comfortable. All straps must be snug for maximum safety; neither too tight nor too loose. Your baby should be in a position similar to when you carry her in your arms, i.e., her bottom somewhere between your belly and hip level. **Her head should be visible above the body of the Onya and close enough to kiss.**



5. Stand and buckle chest clip. Bounce gently to settle her deep in seat of Onya. Adjust straps/chest clip as needed.

OPTION 4: directions for back carry - hip scoot



1. Buckle Onya around your waist with body of Onya at your back. Straps are buckled like a backpack and loosened.

2. Place your child on your hip and reach behind your back to her foot. Be sure you are reaching over the waist belt and under the shoulder strap leg webbing.



3. Gently pull her foot behind your back, through your Onya, and out to the proper placement on the other side.

4. Continue supporting your baby while you bring the second shoulder strap around your shoulder.

5. Bounce gently while you center your Onya around her. You might need to gently tug your baby to one side or the other to center.

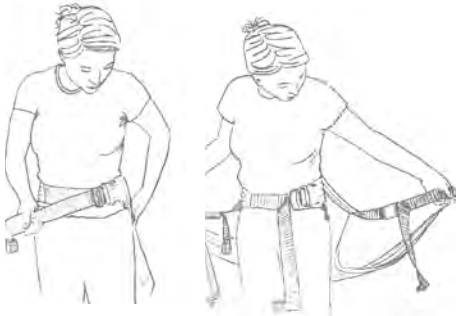
6. Buckle chest clip to secure. Gently bounce while tightening straps to settle her deep in seat of Onya.





## USING YOUR ONYA AS A CARRIER

### OPTION 5: directions for back carry - piggy back



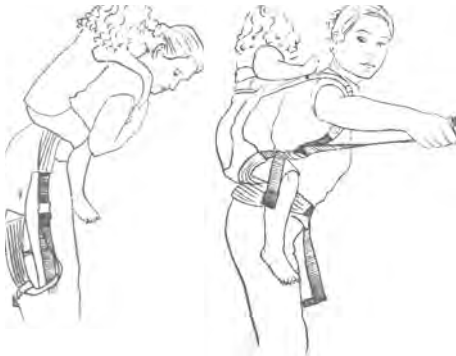
*For use with a child old enough and able to safely hold on to you while you strap your Onya on you.*

1. Buckle your Onya around your waist with body of Onya at your back. Straps are buckled like a backpack and loosened.

2. Position child as if you're going to give her a piggy-back ride.

3. Bring Onya up behind her.

4. Bring shoulder straps over shoulders.



5. Buckle chest clip.

6. Gently bounce while adjusting shoulder strap to settle her deep in seat of Onya.

## USING THE SLEEPING HOOD



1. Start by grabbing the sleep hood straps and pulling them up to release the sleep hood from the pocket.

2. Snap in place on shoulder straps.

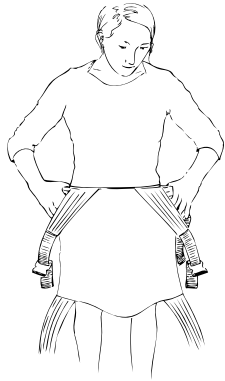
3. Unsnap to release.

4. When you remove your Onya, tuck sleep hood away for next time.



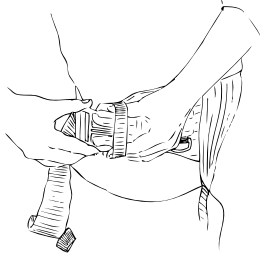
## USING YOUR ONYA AS A HIP CARRIER

Option 6: directions for hip carry



*To be used from 6 months of age, and when baby has independent muscle control.*

1. Buckle your Onya around your waist so that the belt is snug with the body of the Onya at your side. Shoulder straps are unbuckled and loose.



The buckle should pass through the safety elastic.



OPTION

2. Pass the rear shoulder strap behind your back and buckle at your opposite side.

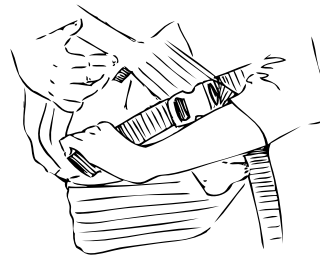
Option: You might find it more comfortable for you or your baby to roll the strap over one or two times prior to passing it behind your back.



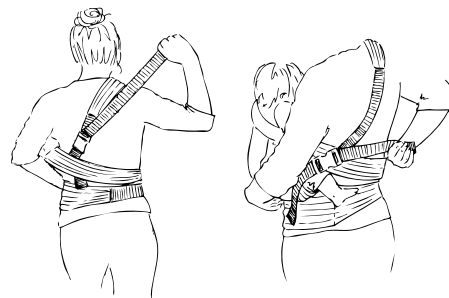
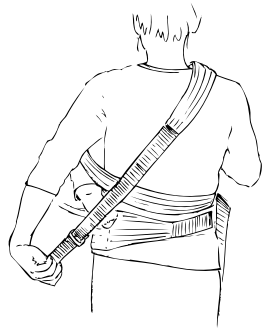
Tighten to comfort, leaving enough room for your baby's leg.



3. Hold your baby while you bring the front shoulder strap over your shoulder, diagonally across your back, and buckle.



4. Continue to hold your baby while you tighten to comfort. Pull the shoulder strap webbing forward and down, back behind your back or up behind your back to adjust to your level of comfort.



5. Gently bounce your baby as you complete your adjustments to settle your baby's bum deep in the seat of your Onya for maximum comfort.

## USING YOUR ONYA ON A CHAIR

From 4 Months / 15 pounds



*Always check to be sure the chair upon which you intend to place your Onya is stable and placed on solid, even ground.*

1. Place your Onya pocket-side-up on the chair. Shoulder straps extend around the top of the chair's back and buckle to the female receptor of the leg strap.

Option A

2A. Buckle the chest clip behind chair back to secure straps. Pull straps to make your Onya snug upon the chair.

Option B – Use on small chairs when chest clip can't pull straps tight enough.

2B. Twist the shoulder straps until you get a snug fit on the chair, then buckle shoulder straps to the female receptors of leg straps.

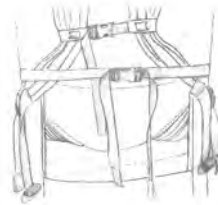


3. Remove seat harness by unzipping hidden zipper on the hide-away pocket at the base of the front pocket. Pull harness and side webbing out.

If you will be using the chair at a table, pull the safety strap out at this time as well. More instructions below.

4. Thread waist strap through side placement holes, leading with buckles, to make a seat. Buckle loosely behind chair back. Place your baby in seat and tighten waist strap to make it snug. Seat harness should come up under her armpits for most security.

5. For additional security, bring the waist belt under the seat of the chair and buckle. This will secure the base of the seat harness to the chair.



**Option A**  
Larger Back Chair



**Option B**  
Round or Narrow  
Back Chair

## USING YOUR ONYA AT A TABLE



To Use Seat Safety Strap:  
Loop around table leg(s) and buckle. Pull snug to remove any slack. Child should be pulled up close to the table. You may roll extra strap away using elastic loop.

When using the Onya on a chair at a table, ALWAYS attach the safety strap around the leg(s) of the table to minimize the risk of the baby pushing against the table and falling backwards.

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## TIPS AND TRICKS

**Get Moving!** Your baby will be more likely to settle happily into your Onya, particularly when you're both new to it, if you start walking/moving gently around as soon as you get her safely settled in. The motion will calm her.

**Have a hungry baby?** It's easy and discreet to nurse your baby in your Onya. When she's on your front, simply loosen the straps and lower her to your breast. To make it even easier for yourself, plan ahead and wear an easy-access top. Loosen and pull out the sleeping hood for even more coverage.

**Play around with it.** Tightening and loosening the leg webbing will pull your baby in and up from the bottom. BE AWARE that the fit must always be snug to keep her safely secure within the ONYA. Tightening and loosening will pull her body towards you from the top. The chest clip should be level with your underarms. Some like the waist belt on their hips, others like it at their waist. Small adjustments can make a major difference in comfort. Play around with the adjustments and you will find the most comfortable position for you and your baby.