



## Erin's Chair manual and safety instructions

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**Read the instructions  
carefully before use. Your  
child may be hurt if you do  
not follow the instructions.**

**IMPORTANT! KEEP FOR  
FUTURE REFERENCE**

## Introduction – Description of Erin's Chair

Erin's Chair is the free-standing hip spica chair solution for your child's play time, reading and entertainment activities. Erin's Chair is not only perfect for keeping your child safe and comfortable, but also beautifully made in a natural (unprotected) finish that will complement your home interior as well as give you free rein to paint and decorate it as you please. Erin's Chair is suitable for children from 6 months+ who are able to sit up unaided.

In or out of use, Erin's Chair is the ideal space and time saving solution, designed to slot together, enabling quick and easy self-assemble and dismantle. The disassembled chair can be kept compactly using the large tote bag, making it easy to slot into a cupboard at home or to travel, fitting neatly into the boot of a car.

Most importantly, it features a specially designed seat to support your child's hip spica cast, with 3 adjustable seat heights, to create the most comfortable position for your child and a 3-point safety harness, always keeping your child safe. Intended use: Erin's Chair is a living aid to be used by children who have undergone a hip dysplasia operation. Its purpose is to provide a safe and secure place for your child to play and entertain themselves in the presence and care of parent or adult attendant.

Who Erin's Chair is for:

- Only suitable from when your child can sit upright unaided.
- Suitable from the age of 6 months up to a maximum weight of 20kg.

**WARNING: This chair may not be suitable for a child who has multiple conditions or other developmental delays such as poor seated balance or pelvic control or seizures, please check with your orthopaedic consultant.**



## Let's talk risks.... Safety risks

1. One of the main risks of serious injury or death is the child not being securely fastened into the chair or are used improperly causing the child to wriggle out of their harness and slip down under the tabletop and fall onto the floor in an instance or become strangled.
2. The crotch strap alone will not be sufficient to hold the child securely. Without two straps (i.e. a waist strap and a crotch strap) a child can stand in the chair seat and topple from the chair or slide under the tabletop and strangle on the waist strap or when their heads become trapped between the tabletop and the chair seat. **WARNING! Always use the child restraint system and ensure the harness is correctly fitted.**
3. A large proportion of accidents involving chairs are due to the parent/carer becoming distracted and leaving the child unsupervised. **WARNING! Never leave the child unattended or move the chair whilst the child is sat in the chair.**
4. An unlevelled floor may cause the chair to top over with the child in it leading to head injuries. **WARNING! Always check the security and the stability of the chair and floor before use.**
5. Head injuries may happen when the child pushes off from the tabletop, rocks the chair back and forth or climbs on it causing the chair to tip over.
6. The chair being positioned near trailing wires or window furnishings could be grasped or entrap your child.
7. Location of the chair and tote bag near a heat source such as an oven or fire can cause the chair and tote bag to become flammable. **WARNING! Do not position the chair in the vicinity an open fire or other sources of strong heat, such as electric bar fires, gas fires.**
8. Being located under a window, the chair could be used as a step by a child and cause the child to fall out of the window. **WARNING! Do not position the chair underneath a window to prevent a child from using the chair as a step.**
9. Slotting the pieces of the chair together and sliding the tabletop into place or adjusting the height of the seat can result in injuries to fingers when they are caught whilst sliding the pieces into place.

Please keep instructions for further use and use only as instructed in this guide.



## Let's talk safety...

The 6-step safety instruction guide for the setting, assemble, use and dismantle of Erin's Chair.

### Step 1: The setting for Erin's Chair:

1. Keep the chair and tote bag away from walls, doors, windows, window furnishings, blind cords, heat sources and appliances.

2. Avoid locating the chair and tote bag near heat sources such as an oven or fire as the chair and bag are non-flame resistant.

3. Remove any items that your child will be tempted to reach for in their line of sight when in the chair, such as their favourite toy or your mobile phone.

Ensure the floor surface for where the chair will be located is level and a hard surface.

### Step 2: Assembling Erin's Chair:

1. Be sure not to entrap your fingers whilst you remove the pieces of the chair from the tote bag.

2. Keep children away from the chair while setting the chair up to prevent finger entrapment.

3. Check that whilst you're slotting the pieces of the chair together, you do not entrap your fingers.

4. Be sure that the slots on Erin's Chair have been pushed together properly each time the chair is set up.

5. Check Erin's Chair regularly to ensure there are no sharp edges. Do not use a chair if the wood has split.

6. Check the condition of straps and their attachments often to make sure they are securely attached and work properly.

**WARNING! Do not use the chair if any part is broken or missing and unless all components are correctly fitted and adjusted.**

**Accessories or replacement parts other than those approved by Trail Trainer Limited must not be used.**



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### Step 3: Placing your child into Erin's Chair:

- Never allow a child to stand up in a chair as this can cause tipping.
- Do not let a child climb into the chair unassisted.
- Do not let other children climb on or hang off the chair either whilst the child is in it or not in it as this can result in a tip over.
- Always ensure when the child is in the chair, use **ALL** the restraints on the three-point harness restraint system properly.
- Adjust the restraint system to fit the harness to the size of your child and securely fasten. A three-point-harness provides a restraint system to prevent your child slipping between the table-top and seat onto the floor.
- Always ensure before laying the table-top onto to the chair, your own and your child's fingers are positioned away from the slotted areas the tabletop will lay. Ensure the tabletop is properly secure. The tabletop should not be used as a restraining device as it is not designed as a restraint system to hold your child in the chair.

### Step 4: Whilst your child is in Erin's Chair

- Do not leave the child unsupervised in the chair, even if the three-point harness is in use.
- Avoid liquids being spilt onto the surfaces of the chair to prevent any swelling of the wooden material.



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### Step 5: Removing your child from Erin's Chair:

- Always ensure before removing the table-top from the chair, your own and your child's fingers are positioned away from the slotted areas the tabletop rests in.
- Before releasing the harness straps of restraint system, ensure you have hold of your child to make sure that your child does not slip off the seat onto the floor.

### Step 6: Dismantling Erin's Chair:

- Keep children away from the chair while disassembling the chair to prevent finger entrapment.
- Be sure not to entrap your fingers whilst you remove the pieces of the chair from the slotted areas.
- Check that whilst you're placing the chair pieces into the tote bag, you do not entrap your fingers.

**For instructions on how to assemble Erin's Chair, please visit our Instagram page:**

@Erinschairspicachair



## Getting to know Erin's Chair....

A description of all the parts required to assemble Erin's Chair and its packaging.

Erin's Chair is made up of 7 parts. The harness is ready to use (adjust to the size of your child) as it comes already fitted to the backrest of the chair and the seat of the chair.



Assembled chair frame. Handle on each side to allow you to carry the chair.

Three different seating adjustment heights with slotted key to lock and reinforce seat found on the back of the chair.



Birdseye view of tabletop D shape spacing.

Peak of seat to the back of seat.



Reusable tote bag for storing and transporting your chair.





## Maintaining Erin's Chair

A description of how to care and maintain Erin's Chair.

### How do you maintain/clean Erin's Chair?

We use high quality birch wood to produce Erin's Chairs because it is strong, long-lasting, and resilient. It is an unprotected finish so we do recommend that you paint the chair particularly for the facings of natural birch and other alternative plywood's or where the end grains may be exposed to water/liquid as this can stain or warp the wood.



### Can you paint Erin's Chair?

Erin's Chair is made from unfinished birch and other alternative plywood's so we strongly recommend that you customise your Erin's Chair using paint, especially if you think that the chair may come into contact with any liquids. Why not make customising your Erin's Chair a family fun day, choosing your child's favourite colours and shapes to decorate it?



## Getting in touch....

How to get in touch to share a review or for help and support.

### How do I leave a review about Erin's Chair?

To leave a review about our well-loved Erin's Chairs then please email us:

[office@erinschair.co.uk](mailto:office@erinschair.co.uk)

Or

To write a personal story about the challenges and successes you faced navigating through your child's spica journey and how Erin's Chair made a difference, then please email us, we'd love to hear from you.

### I have an issue with Erin's Chair, what do I do?

In the unlikely event you have an issue please get in touch as soon as you can. We're a small company which allows us to communicate directly to our customers and resolve whatever your issue is.

Contact us through our email:

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