

# connecta

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## user guide

Suitable for 3.5kg - 16kg (7.5lb - 35lb)

[www.connectababycarrier.com](http://www.connectababycarrier.com)



# IMPORTANT!

## PLEASE KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

### WARNING:

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.

Safety and Carrier Care Instructions - Please read fully before using your carrier. Failure to follow these instructions could result in injury or death.

Age suitability - The Connecta Baby Carrier is suitable for babies weighing between 3.5kg-16kg (7.5lb-35lbs). Please see usage instructions for recommended positions for different ages.

Inspect your carrier - Check your carrier before every use for any signs of damage or wear and tear. Never use a carrier with any sign of defects or damage.

Dangerous Activities - Never use your carrier during any risky activities, including but not limited to:- bicycling, skiing, horse-riding, swimming, cooking, running, eating hot food, drinking hot drinks, using knives or other sharp or dangerous tools, near open flames, climbing, in a moving vehicle of any kind, whilst under the influence of alcohol or any drugs etc. Use common sense at all times.

Follow the usage instructions and only use as depicted in this guide. This carrier is only intended for use on the front and on the back. Only use on the back from 4 months of age and exercise extreme caution when learning back carries. Use the beginner's back carry and have someone assist you at all times until you are completely confident.

Airway - Particularly when using with younger babies - always be sure to keep their face clear of the carrier or the wearer's chest and maintain a clear space for the baby to breathe fresh air at all times. Never allow a young baby's chin to droop onto the chest as this can restrict the airway. Be aware at all times of your baby's breathing.

Never leave baby unattended either in or near the carrier. The carrier must not be used as a toy. Long straps can pose a strangulation hazard. Never leave a baby or child unattended with the carrier.

Take care in use - Always be aware of your baby's position in the carrier, particularly for back carries. Door frames, escalators, lifts, revolving doors, tree branches, bushes, stationary cars - particularly wing mirrors, and many other environmental obstacles can all pose a danger. Always take account of the extra space occupied by your baby.



# Front Carry Instructions

(suitable from 3.5kg-16kg, from birth upwards)

Always take your time when learning how to use a new carrier.  
Practise with a soft toy first and read all instructions in advance.



1. Fasten the carrier around your waist like an apron with the outside against your legs.
2. For a baby under 10 weeks old fasten the accessory strap around the seat of the carrier and tighten to narrow the seat. The width should be sufficient to support the baby in a seated position with knees level with or higher than his bottom. Slide the accessory strap buckle to the outside of the carrier. Omit this step for a baby over 10 weeks old.
3. Pick up your baby and tuck her legs into your waistline.
4. Bring the body of the carrier up between your baby's legs and over her back.
5. Pass one of the straps over your shoulder and reach behind your back (keeping one hand on the baby at all times), grasp the buckle and fasten it to the opposite buckle on the side of the carrier. Pull on the webbing to tighten whilst supporting the baby's weight with your other arm. Repeat with the opposite strap. Baby should be high and snug. The shoulder straps are now crossing your back. Make sure the straps sit in the middle of the shoulders and not too close to the wearer's neck.
6. You are ready to go.

# Beginner's Back Carry

(suitable from 4 months, or when your baby has good head and upper body control, upwards)

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1. Fasten the shoulder straps to the buckle on the SAME side. Lay the carrier out on a bed or chair.
2. Place your baby on the carrier and bring the waist straps and lower portion of the carrier OVER the legs.
3. Sit down in front of your baby (facing away) and fasten the waist straps around your waist and pull the webbing to tighten so it is snug. Reach back and hook your arms through the fastening shoulder straps. Carefully pull your baby's weight up onto your back and pull the webbing to tighten the straps.
4. You are then ready to go. To remove the baby simply reverse the steps above and lower your baby onto a soft surface.
5. If desired, the accessory strap can be fastened around the shoulder straps to help keep them in place.



# Advanced Back Carry

(suitable from 9 months upwards)

Take great care when learning the advanced back carry. Always practise over a soft surface and have another person assist until you are absolutely confident in your ability



1. First, fasten the shoulder straps to the side buckles on the SAME side. Fasten the Connecta around your waist with the outside hanging down against the back of your legs.
2. Pick up your baby and sit her on your hip.
3. With the opposite hand on her bottom, and leaning forward at the same time, bring the arm that was holding her in front of the baby and shift her weight to the back of your hip.
4. With both hands on the baby, gently bounce her to the centre of your back into a piggy back position.

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5. Keeping one hand on the baby at all times, use the other hand to bring the body of the carrier up over the baby. Put each arm through the fastened shoulder straps.

6. Pull the webbing to tighten until comfortable and check the baby is fully seated in the carrier.

7. You are ready to go. To remove the baby, reverse the above steps.

8. If desired, the accessory strap can be fastened around the shoulder straps to help keep them in place.



# Helpful Hints and Tips for Using your Connecta

Take your time when trying your Connecta for the first time. Choose a time when your baby is well fed and rested. When you are ready and your baby is safely in the carrier, get moving and go for a walk. Babies like movement and it will help them become accustomed to the carrier.

Only use with your baby facing the wearer. The Connecta is designed to support the baby in a well seated anatomically correct position, with knees level with or higher than the bottom. It is not possible to achieve this when the baby is facing away from the wearer.

For front carries the baby should be positioned high and snug on your chest. If you find the baby is dangling too low, take all their weight in one arm and lift up whilst tightening the webbing with the other hand. Repeat on the other side.

Men and some women may prefer to wear the shoulder straps crossed over the chest when back carrying. Always have a second person assisting when fastening in this way.

The top of the Connecta carrier is designed to support the baby's head. If the baby prefers to be able to see out when awake and/or have their arms free, fold over the bottom of the carrier over once or twice before fastening around the wearer's waist. This has the effect of shortening the body size and allowing baby more freedom. Always make sure the carrier is still tall enough to reach up to baby's armpits.

Make sure the shoulder straps sit in the middle of the wearer's shoulders and not too close to the neck. This helps the straps cross low on the wearer's back distributing the baby's weight evenly.

## Washing your Carrier

Where possible, spot clean. When necessary your carrier can be machine washed on a delicate cycle at or below 30C temperature. Place inside a pillowcase to protect buckles. Do not tumble dry. Do not iron. Do not bleach. Hang to dry.



# questions?



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