User Manual

For bath, play and getaways

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Please read all user instructions carefully before using Splashy. These instructions can also be downloaded from our website www.fireflyfriends.com along with videos, diagrams and other useful downloads.

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**SECTION 01: Intended Use**

The Splashy bath seat is intended to provide support for children with disabilities who require head and trunk support whilst using the bath. For structure, safety and support, it is essential that Splashy is attached to the floorsitter base unit at all times.

Splashy is designed for children aged between approximately 1–8 years old and with a maximum user weight of 30kg (66lbs).

Splashy is made up of 3 main parts: back rest, seat base and floorsitter base unit. You will also receive a support pack including a 5-point harness and 4 x ‘bumper’ supports for use anywhere on the seat where support is required (i.e. head rest or pommel).

The back rest, seat base and floorsitter base unit should fit easily and securely together – see Section 09 of this manual for further instructions.

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**Children should not be left unattended/unsupervised in their Splashy bath seat at any time, as they could be at risk of drowning or injuring themselves.**

We recommend that an adult completes product inspections in accordance with Section 06 of this user manual to ensure the product is safe to use. Firefly Friends Ltd. and James Leckey Design Ltd. cannot accept any responsibility if the product is used outside of its intended use. If in doubt please contact Firefly customer services on UK 0800 318265 or ROI 1800 626020.

Daily activities tested and approved by Firefly Friends Ltd and James Leckey Design Ltd are:

1. In the bath or shower
2. For water play activities
3. In the garden*
4. At the beach*

*Use of Splashy outside the bathroom, (such as the garden or beach) should be assessed in advance. Be mindful that Splashy contains working floorsitter-to-seat connections which could be affected by small particles and/or obstructions (such as soil, grass or sand). If Splashy does come into contact with any substances that could affect the floorsitter-to-seat connections, ensure they are thoroughly rinsed after use. Please refer to Section 04 for Safety Information and Section 05 for further guidance on cleaning and care.
SECTION 02: Declaration of Conformity

James Leckey Design Ltd., as manufacturer with sole responsibility for the Firefly brand, declares that Splashy conforms to the requirements of the medical device directive 93/42/EEC. Splashy has been CE marked as a Class 1 medical device.

SECTION 03: Terms of Warranty

The warranty for Splashy applies only when the product is used according to its intended use, following all manufacturer’s specifications. A one year warranty is provided with this James Leckey Design Ltd. manufactured product.

Goods can be returned to us for warranty, repair or replacement up to 12 months from receipt. Once you contact us, we will arrange collection of the goods at our expense and, once returned to us we will repair or replace goods and return them to you within 14 days. In all cases, it is the customers’ responsibility to ensure the goods being returned are suitably packaged, preferably in the original packaging.

SECTION 04: Safety Information

1. Always read user instructions fully before use.

2. Children should not be left unattended/unsupervised at any time in this product.

3. If using Splashy at the beach, never leave your child unattended near the sea.

4. Check that all of the Splashy components are securely assembled according to user instructions before use. Splashy must be attached to the floorsitter base unit at all times and placed on a firm, solid, static surface. Never use Splashy on a sloping surface.

5. The maximum user weight for Splashy is 30kg (66lbs). This should never be exceeded.

6. Splashy contains parts which could present a choking hazard to small children. Check all components are tight and securely fastened before use – including toggles and straps.

7. Do not modify Splashy or use components other than Firefly approved components with Splashy at any time. This may put your child at risk and may also invalidate your warranty.

8. When using Splashy in environments which may have soil/sand/grass or small components, always ensure that you clean out the floorsitter-to-seat connections after every use to prevent any obstructions.

9. After use, allow Splashy to dry thoroughly before storing it away carefully. Splashy should be kept away from all direct sources of heat including naked flames, cigarettes, electric and gas heaters.

10. Clean the product regularly in accordance with Section 05 of this user manual.

11. Complete maintenance checks on a regular basis to ensure your product is in good working condition. Splashy should not be used if any of the parts are faulty.

12. If you are in any doubt about the safe use of Splashy or the floorsitter base unit, or if any parts should fail, please cease using the product immediately and contact Firefly customer services on UK 0800 318265 or ROI 1800 626020.

13. Any promotional items supplied with Splashy should not be used unsupervised.

Failure to follow these instructions may put you or the child at risk.
SECTION 05: Cleaning and Care Information

How to Maintain

• When cleaning Splashy we recommend that you use only warm water and a non-abrasive detergent. Never use organic solvents or dry cleaning fluids.

• Do not machine wash or steam clean Splashy’s foam components as it may cause the foam to lose shape and warp.

• We recommend that you do not use any type of prescribed medicated lotions in the bath water during the bathing process as this may contribute to the breakdown of Splashy’s materials.

• Wipe the bath surface clean of any residue or dirt before attaching the floorsitter to it, ensuring the rubber feet grip firmly to the bath.

• To remove sand/soil/grass or any small particles that may be in the floorsitter-to-seat connections, slight tapping of the area will encourage the particles to fall out. Rinse thoroughly to ensure there is no build up of particles inside the connections. For stubborn blockages on the floorsitter, the latch can be given a thumb push to remove any particules and aid release.

• Should your bath seat come into contact with salt water, rinse all parts thoroughly with fresh, clean water.

5-point Harness

The Splashy 5-point harness can be removed and cleaned with non-abrasive detergent.

Floorsitter Base Unit

1. Ensure the bottom of the floorsitter base unit is cleaned after every use to ensure it grips onto the bottom of the bath.
2. Soap and water can be used for daily cleaning.
3. Do not use solvents to clean the floorsitter base unit.

Splashy Foam Seat Base, Backrest and Supports

1. Soap and water or antibacterial spray can be used for daily cleaning.
2. The EVA foam covers can be removed and washed periodically to avoid a build-up of residue and grime.

Splashy’s EVA foam covers can be removed and washed every few months.

1. The EVA covers are attached by eight hooks. Two on the seat back and six on the seat base.
2. Detach all hooks by hand (do not use tools).
3. Wash using warm water and non-abrasive detergent.
4. Ensure the covers are completely dry before reattaching.
5. Ensure all hooks are engaged when putting the covers back on.

If Splashy is being used in environments outside of the bathroom, (such as the beach or garden) it is important to rinse it after every use so that it is free from any particles/obstructions that could affect its working mechanisms.

Hook locations
SECTION 06: Product Inspection and Servicing

We recommend that various checks of Splashy are carried out before use to ensure the product is safe.

The recommended checks are listed below:

1. Ensure that the Splashy back rest and seat base have been fitted securely together as detailed in Section 09 of this manual.
2. Check that Splashy is fixed correctly to the floorsitter base unit and ensure it is stable and secure in the bath before placing the child in.
3. Ensure the 5-point harness and bumper supports are securely fixed to Splashy using the toggle fixtures.
4. Check the 5-point harness and bumper supports for any signs of wear or tear.
5. Check the buckles and toggles for cracks or damage.

SECTION 07: Important Guidelines

Ensure that Splashy is sitting securely in the bath. Recline the back rest into a mid-recline position for children who can assist with transfers or are lifted into the bath. Please refer to section 09.5

Full recline should be used for children who will be hoisted into the bath. This should make transfers into Splashy easier.

We would advise you fit the 5-point harness and bumper supports to Splashy before you place the child into the seat, however, they can be adjusted if necessary once your child is in the bath. Please exercise caution and monitor your child closely whilst alterations are being made to the bath seat.

Lifting a child in and out of the bath is an activity which could cause injury to your back. We would recommend you seek advice from your therapist with regards to safe lifting (manual handling techniques) of your child in and out of the bath.

SECTION 08: Re-issuing Firefly Products

Ensure the product has been cleaned thoroughly in accordance with Section 5 of this manual. Ensure a copy of the user manual is supplied with the product. If in any doubt about the continued safe use of your Firefly product or if any parts should fail, please cease using the product and contact our customer service department as soon as possible on UK 0800 318265 or ROI 1800 626020.
SECTION 09: Instructions for Use

09.1 Splashy Parts

The Splashy duck is to be used under the direct supervision of an adult

Your Splashy will arrive with the following parts:

1. 1x Back rest
2. 1x Seat base
3. 1x Floorsitter base unit
4. 4x Bumper supports
5. 1x Groin strap & 4x Harness straps

09.2 Assembling Splashy

- We highly recommend that you complete a ‘dry run’ with your child in Splashy whilst wearing light clothing to ensure correct placement of harness and bumper supports.
- Make sure your bath is clean and free from any residue before placing the floorsitter into the bath.
- Your Splashy MUST be assembled BEFORE filling the bath with water. We recommend you fill the bath with a mixture of hot and cold water to prevent damage to Splashy.
- See section 09.5 for some guidance on how to position the recline arm on the Splashy.

09.2.1 Placement of the floorsitter

The floorsitter should always be placed on a firm, solid, static surface. When placing the floorsitter on your chosen surface, it’s vital that all rubber feet are in contact with the surface.

The rubber feet can be adjusted to facilitate curved baths. You can do this by rotating the feet clockwise or anti-clockwise depending on your required adjustment.

The rubber feet can be moved into the narrower section of the floorsitter to depending on the width of your bath. You must ensure they mirror each other. 4 or 6 feet would be stable.

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09.2.1 Placement of the floorsitter

Once the floorsitter is in place, ensure the recline arm is set to its highest position.

09.2.2 Assembling the Splashy seat

1. Before attaching Splashy to the floorsitter, the back rest and seat base must be assembled.

2. Hold the backrest of Splashy up vertically with the grooves at the top. Use your other hand to slot the seat base into the grooves on the backrest.

Flip the seat base in the opposite direction to lock the connection together. Once connected insert the hinge foam flap underneath the foam backrest cover.

09.2.3 Attaching & configuring the harness & bumpers

1. To attach any of the support straps and bumpers onto Splashy’s seat base and back rest place the relevant toggle through the hole.

2. Secure by turning the toggle sideways underneath the seat.

To connect the shoulder and lateral straps, follow this diagram.

To ensure you are placing the straps in the correct side of Splashy, the buckle should appear as pictured.
09.2.4 Configuring 5 point harness

1. Insert toggle of the groin strap into Splashy seat base.

2. Insert the toggle of the left shoulder strap through the hole at the correct height for your child.

3. Insert the toggle of the left lateral strap into a hole on the side panels of the back rest.

4. Repeat the process for the right shoulder and lateral straps.

5. Once all the straps are securely in place, connect all the straps together using the buckle to create a 5 point harness.

6. The straps can be fully adjusted by releasing the clamp, making the strap tighter or looser depending on requirements. Please ensure the clamp is closed once the strap has been adjusted.

Tip – When happy with adjustment you can thread the remaining section of the strap through the foam section of the harness to keep it tidy.

09.2.5 Configuring 3 point harness

1. Insert the toggle of the left lateral strap into a hole on the side panels of the back rest.

2. Repeat the process for the right lateral strap.

3. Once all the straps are securely in place, connect all the straps together using the buckle to create a 3 point harness.

Do not adjust configuration from a 5 point harness to a 3 point harness while the child is in the bath seat.
09.2.6 Fitting Splashy seat to the floorsitter

1. Lower Splashy with the seat base flat onto the floorsitter.

2. Making sure the seat base is centrally aligned with the floorsitter move the seat base forward so the seat base slides into the locking channel.

3. When the seat base locks into the floorsitter you will hear a click which will mean the lock has been engaged.

Before attaching the recline arm to the backrest, ensure that it is at the highest setting.

With one hand on Splashy, use the other hand to push the button highlighted and slot the attachment into the backrest.

Once attached correctly, you will hear a click.

Listen for audible click when engaging both seat base and seat back to the floorsitter.

This picture shows what the bath seat should look like when it is fully assembled.

It is now safe to put your child into Splashy.
09.3 Bumper Supports

Once your child is safely secured in Splashy using the harness, you can then secure the bumpers to provide extra support.

The bumpers are being used as head supports in this picture, however they can be used as a pommel, anti-slide support and/or leg guides.

If you feel your child requires further support in Splashy, extra bumpers can be purchased from the Accessories section of the Firefly website.

09.3.1 Adjusting the bumpers to provide support in various places

The bumpers can be used as:

1. **Head supports** – place a bumper on the right and left side of your child’s head.

2. **Neck support** – place a bumper sideways at the nape of your child’s neck.

3. **Pommel** – place a bumper between your child’s legs (helps to prevent criss crossing).

4. **Leg guides** – place a bumper on the right and left side of your child’s legs (helps to prevent them falling over the side of the bath seat).

5. **Anti-slide shelf** – place a bumper sideways on the base of the bath seat in front of your child’s bottom (helps to prevent your child’s bottom from sliding forward in the seat). Some children may find sitting in Splashy more comfortable if a bumper is placed in front of the groin strap.
09.4 Adjusting the harness for washing

Remove a shoulder strap to make a 4 point harness to increase access for washing.

To remove the shoulder strap, release the toggle from the reverse of the backrest.

Remove a lateral strap to make a 4 point harness to increase access for lower half washing.

To remove the lateral strap, release the toggle from the reverse of the backrest.
09.5 Shortening lateral and shoulder straps

In some cases you may want to reduce the size of the lateral and shoulder supports to fit a smaller child using Splashy.

When your Splashy arrives, the straps will look like the diagram shown. To adjust the straps to a smaller setting, please follow these instructions.

1. Remove the highlighted section of the strap from the foam.

2. Fold the thinner end of the foam backwards and ensure that the openings line up.

3. Feed the straps through the first opening on the doubled over foam.

4. Once it has been pulled through completely, feed up through the second opening and pull to tighten.

09.5.1 Shortening groin strap

In some cases you may want to reduce the size of the groin strap to fit a smaller child using Splashy.

The groin strap will look as the diagram shows when it arrives. To adjust the straps to a smaller setting, please follow these instructions.

1. Remove the highlighted section of the strap from the foam.

2. Fold the foam backwards to create a smaller groin strap and feed toggle back through seat base hole.

3. Feed the straps through the first opening on the doubled over foam.
09.6 Recommended recline positions

**Upright position** – if your child has good sitting tolerance and trunk control, they may be able to use an upright sitting position.

**Mid recline position** – we recommend that Splashy is placed into a mid recline position if your child is being lifted into the bath seat.

**Full recline position** – we recommend that Splashy is placed into the full recline position for ease of transfer if your child is hoisted into the bath seat.

09.6.1 Using the Splashy recline function

Once your child is fully secure and supported, the Splashy recline function can be used.

Exercise caution when altering the recline angle. You should aim to make this movement as smooth as possible to reduce any anxiety the child may have.

To bring Splashy into a more upright position, place one hand onto the Splashy handle A at the top of the backrest for support, and the other hand onto the green clip on the recline arm of the floorsitter B.

Release the clip and bring the bath seat into an upright position that is suitable for your child A.

Fasten the clip on the floor sitter. You will hear a click once fully engaged.
09.7 Removing Splashy from the bath after use and dismantling

Release and remove the child from Splashy and drain the bath.

See Section 7 for guidance on how to do this safely.

To release Splashy from the floorsitter, press the green button on the recline arm and pull the back rest forward.

To remove the floorsitter from the bath, gently lift the frame to release the rubber feet.

If the rubber feet do not disengage in the first instance, do not use force to remove from the bath.

Slide your hand under the feet and they will release.
(Do not use tools)

Place Splashy on its side and detach the seat base from the back rest by bending the seat base back on itself to release the hinge mechanism.
09.8 Draining and drying

Always ensure that you wipe/wash down Splashy before allowing it to drain and store away.

The floorsitter can be wiped dry. (Refer to Section 05 for further guidance.)

For drying purposes it may be easier to skip the last step in Section 09.6 and keep the seat base, back rest and floorsitter as one piece as per the example below.

Press the green button on the recline arm and pull backrest forward to release seat.

Fold recline arm forward as shown by the arrow.

Recline the backrest onto the floorsitter as shown.

Use the velcro straps to keep the floorsitter flat against the Splashy seat.

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