



EXPERTS IN PATIENT HANDLING SOLUTIONS



EMERGENCY LIFTING SHEET

This guide covers all products with the prefix EMLS in the product code

Designed to be used when moving a patient with no sign of cervical/spinal injury from the floor to a trolley or bed, if no mechanical lifting device is available.

USER INSTRUCTIONS

SWL 150KG

MIN +4

MAX +8

2-1 FIM ASSESSED

A senior member of staff must decide if the patient is fit to be moved. Wherever possible, use mechanical/electrical equipment to move the patient. If it is necessary to perform a manual lift, assess the numbers of handlers required. Consider: **(a)** The weight and height of the patient. **(b)** The fitness, capability and height variation of the handlers. Position handlers according to their heights, with the largest adjacent to the patient's shoulders/trunk. **(c)** If space constraints prevent the positioning of the trolley or bed, use slide sheets and straps to relocate the patient to somewhere you can bring a trolley or bed.



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We have demonstrated the lift of a lightweight patient with 4 handlers. However, the sheet is tested to a Save Working Load (SWL) of 150kg and has space for 8 handlers.

REMEMBER: Working from the floor increases the risk of injury to the handlers. The more handlers, the flatter the lift.

Position the **Emergency Lifting Sheet** under the patient (either by sliding them onto it or log-rolling dependent upon the circumstances).

To learn how to slide a person onto the **Emergency Lifting Sheet** see our method in our **Emergency Handling Pack**.

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If possible, position a bed/trolley with a **Slide Sheet** on the mattress close by so that, once lifted, patient can be slid onto bed/trolley.

Leader instructs the handlers on how the lift will be co-ordinated, checking that everyone understands and are comfortable with their individual role.

Handlers position themselves ready for the lift. Where possible, equal numbers are positioned along each side of the **Emergency Lifting Sheet**.

It is essential that the patient's head and neck remains supported throughout the lift, and if numbers allow, you may wish to dedicate a member of staff to this role.

Handles on the head end of the **Emergency Lifting Sheet** can facilitate this.

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In a co-ordinated lift and holding the **Emergency Lifting Sheet** handles, the handlers lift from the floor.



In a co-ordinated move, handlers side step to the bed/trolley and slide the patient gently up the bed/trolley to the head end.

Remove the **Slide Sheet**.

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MATERIAL CONTENT

100% Nylon
Handles: Polypropylene



STORAGE AND HANDLING

- Store in a clean dry environment that is not subject to excessive heat.
- Keep away from sunlight.
- Store flat and avoid placing heavy objects on top of the product.



Keep dry



Keep away from sunlight

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

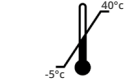
- Do not leave or drop on the floor; it is a slip hazard.
- Test for slippiness before use. If over-laundered and doesn't slide please discard or replace.
- Inspect product, including handles before use for signs of damage or tears.
- Safe Working Load (SWL): 150kgs



Caution



Do not use if package is damaged



Storage Temperature Limit

CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

- Wash as per laundry instructions.
- Can be wiped clean, between use with the same patient, with natural water and detergent or wipes that don't contain alcohol, solvents, bleaching or abrasive agents.
- Cleaning materials used should be patient safe and biodegradable..



Wash at 30-74°C. Tumble dry on low heat. Do not iron.
Do not use bleach. Do not use fabric conditioner

DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Non-recyclable.
- Dispose of as clinical waste if it has been used by an infectious person.
- Otherwise dispose of through normal waste management.



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HOSPITAL DIRECT (HD) ADDITIONAL SYMBOLS

At HD we understand that not everyone is familiar with all equipment, so to help therapists and healthcare professionals in assessing a product's suitability for a client, we have included two assessment tools, Functional Independence Measure (FIM) and Easy Guide Symbols. These will enable the healthcare professional to assess their client and decide whether or not a product will help the person based on their level of dependence and functional ability.

FUNCTIONAL INDEPENDENCE MEASURE (FIM) ASSESSMENT

Our FIM assessment guide for each product will help you decide the suitability of this product for the person's ability and need. Based on the standard criteria from Level 6 where the person can use the product unaided and unsupervised to Level 1 where all the assistance is provided by the carer and the client can do nothing, this guide is easy, quick and simple to use to check suitability against ability and circumstance.

FIM LEVELS QUICK GUIDE. SUBJECT VS CARER HELP



EASY GUIDE SYMBOLS

We use four symbols to indicate where a product is suitable and safe for the person to use unassisted, with a single carer or with multiple carers. These symbols indicate the minimum recommendation.



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