

EXPERTS IN PATIENT HANDLING SOLUTIONS



EMERGENCY MANUAL HANDLING PACK

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

A specially designed pack that contains the equipment you will need to help manage a collapsed patient in an emergency.

EMERGENCY MANUAL HANDLING PACK EXPLAINED



USER INSTRUCTIONS

USING THE FLAT SLIDE SHEET AND STRAPS TO EXTRICATE A COLLAPSED PERSON

This is an illustrated method for enabling healthcare staff to use the **Flat Slide Sheets with Handles** in the pack to help extricate collapsed patients/clients from awkward corners or areas. In this example we have shown our washable **Flat Slide Sheets with Handles** being used but you could just as easily use our **Disposable Flat Slide Sheets with Handles**.

Please note: whatever situation you find yourself in, please do remember to carry out your own risk assessment prior to using this method with your patient/client.



Find your Emergency Manual Handling Pack.

Make your patient as comfortable as possible – a pillow will help!.

Put the two **Flat Slide Sheets with Handles** together and start to unravel them under the collapsed person so they run from head to toe.





Attach the **Extension Straps** to the handles at the foot end of the **Flat Slide Sheets with Handles**.

Now bring in the Emergency Lifting Sheet.

Using the **Extension Straps**, gently pull your patient from where they have collapsed, onto the **Emergency Lifting Sheet**.





Remove the flat slide sheets, leaving the patient on the **Emergency** Lifting Sheet if being used.

Any care that the patient requires is now easy as the patient is now in an accessible position.

HOW TO USE THE EMERGENCY LIFTING SHEET

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 close by, use slide sheets and straps to relocate the patient.



We have demonstrated the lift of a lightweight patient with 4 handlers. However, the sheet is tested to 150kgs 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).





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.



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.



PACK INCLUDES

2 x Flat Slide Sheet with Handles
1 x Tubular Slide Sheet
1 x Emergency Lifting Sheet
2 x Extension Straps (Economy or Wipeclean depending on pack)

MATERIAL CONTENT

Flat Slide Sheet with Handles: 100% Polyester with Polypropylene handles. Tubular Slide Sheet: 100% Polyester. Emergency Lifting Sheet: 100% Nylon with Polypropylene handles. Extension Straps: 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.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Do not leave or drop on the floor; it is a slip hazard.
- Test all slide sheets for slippiness before use. If over-laundered and they don't slide please discard and replace.
- Inspect all products, including handles, before use for signs of damage or tears.
- Emergency Lifting Sheet: Safe Working Load (SWL): 150kgs.
- Flat Slide Sheet with Handles: Safe Working Load (SWL): 400kgs.
- Extension Straps Economy: Safe Working Load (SWL): 400kgs.
- Extension Straps Wipeclean: Safe Working Load (SWL): 190kgs.

CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

- Wash as per laundry instructions (page 1).
- 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.

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.

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Do not use if package is damaged

Storage Temperature Limit







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



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