

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

1. General Stretcher Information:

- Improper usage of the product can cause injury to the patient or operator. Operate equipment in strict accordance with these guidelines.
- The stretcher is to be operated by MEDIC personnel and can be assisted by first responders.
- The stretcher weight, not including additional equipment, is 125lbs. New weight is 36 more lbs.

2. Safety Checks:

- Always inspect the battery for damage before every shift. Report damage immediately. Do not operate the stretcher if damaged.

3. Operating the Stretcher:

- Always operate the stretcher only when all persons are clear of the mechanisms.
 - *Entanglement in powered cot mechanisms can cause serious injury.*
- Always use two operators when a stretcher is occupied.
- Always follow proper hand placement on hand grips.
- Always use the specified push/pull locations to reduce the risk of a cot tip or injury.
- Keep all hands clear of the red safety bar pivots when you load, unload, or change the cot height position.
- Do not transport the stretcher sideways.
 - *This helps to prevent the risk of a stretcher tip or injury.*
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- Transport (push/pull) with personnel at head end and foot.
- Do not lift the stretcher using the side rails.
- Avoid high obstacles, such as curbs, steps, and stairs.
 - *This helps to prevent the risk of a stretcher tip or injury.*
- Do not load the stretcher into a truck with the head section retracted.
 - *It will not fasten securely.*
- Make sure the stretcher is locked in the stretcher fastener before you load and unload.
- Try to load and unload the stretcher on level ground.
 - *This reduces the risk of stretcher tip or injury.*
- Ensure that the stretcher safety bar remains in the downward position when loading the stretcher onto the power load.
 - *The stretcher will not lock properly into the power load if in the upward position and can result in a safety risk.*

4. Patients on Stretchers:

- DO NOT leave a patient unattended.
- Always use all safety straps to secure the patient on the stretcher.
- Do not engage the wheel lock feature on only one side of the stretcher.
 - *The steer lock feature will prevent fishtailing (good for use on slippery surfaces)*

5. Transfer Techniques:

- Follow proper transfer techniques when moving a patient onto or off the stretcher.
- When transferring the patient, raise or lower the stretcher to the proper height to allow for the use of proper lifting techniques.

6. Cleaning and Maintenance:

- Remove the battery during cleaning.
- Do not spray water into the area of the battery charger.