



RESCUE SHEET Product Information



RESCUE SHEET #220. The Rescue Sheet is widely accepted as a vital aid in the rapid evacuation of non-ambulatory patients during emergency situations.

- Permanently in place between the mattress and bed frame
- Fits all bed models and mattresses
- Ready for immediate use
- Long straps located at the head and feet for easy maneuvering
- Adjustable wrap around straps for safely cocooning the patient
- Heavy duty construction for maximum efficiency
- Designed to enable one or more persons to evacuate a person in their mattress during an emergency

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For emergency evacuation of non-ambulant patients.

The Pelican Rescue Sheet is kept in position under the mattress with strong elastic corner straps. Daily bed making is as normal. If a fire should occur, the webbing straps are removed from their pockets and quickly done up around the patient. The mattress and the patient are then lowered onto the floor for very fast and safe evacuation, without staff having to carry them. By using the Rescue Sheet, the patient is protected by their mattress and they can be **easily taken down stairs to safety**, if necessary. After evacuation, the patient can be left still 'cocooned' in the Rescue Sheet and this is helpful with patients who are liable to wander. Note: The 'cross' straps are sewn across the full width of the rescue sheet to provide extra security in case the strong nylon material should tear on a rough surface, i.e. driveways, roads, etc. All staff should have regular fire drills, so that in an emergency they are familiar with evacuation procedures.

TO INSTALL: The Rescue Sheet is positioned **under the mattress** with the four elastic straps over each corner of the mattress to help keep the Rescue Sheet in position when bed making. The cross straps should be folded into the pockets provided, ready for easy access in an emergency.

TO USE: Pull the cross straps out of the pockets and join the buckle with the strap from the opposite pocket over patient and bed clothes. A pillow may be placed on the patient's chest and another across the legs, under the cross straps to further protect the patient.

Pull cross straps tight to 'cocoon' the patient, complete with sheets and blankets still inside the mattress. Lower the mattress and patient off the bed and slide along the floor to safety by using the towing straps at either end. If required, we can supply additional towing straps that can be attached to the normal straps. This allows some carers to put the longer strap over their shoulders. Check with your Manual Handling Specialist about using these straps.

PLAN ESCAPE ROUTES: Do not have hall furniture that may impede pulling the mattress and patient down a corridor. Make sure that there is enough space to leave the bedroom and to turn in the corridor. The Rescue Sheets slide better on vinyl or tile surfaces compared to carpet. Some establishments have replaced carpets with tiles to make the sliding easier.

Most fires start in laundries and kitchens. Make sure that you can evacuate the building without passing these high risk areas. Have alternative escape routes if the fire originates from a bedroom.

WARNING - Inspect buckles before use. They are made from Delrin® a strong material but may break if mistreated.

Hand or machine wash up to 80°C max. Air dry in the shade. Do not tumble dry. Use a Netting Bag to contain the long straps if machine washing. Do not use fabric softener.

Instruction Guide Only! Consult your Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist or Back Care Specialist.

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