



EvacONE

The EvacONE is a flexible lightweight stretcher for the evacuation of non-ambulant patients. The integral foot pocket stores the rolled up EvacONE.

Using the EvacONE

- Take the EvacONE to the patient, undo the small yellow webbing strap and holding the carry handle allow the EvacONE to fall and un-roll out of the pocket.
- For training the bed should be at a good working height.
- Work in pairs one either side of the bed, transfer the patient onto the EvacONE.
- Make the patient comfortable if available put a pillow under their head and place the bedding around the person.
- Secure the patient on the EvacONE using the colour coded straps.
- The Patient is now ready to be moved off the bed.

Please note: there are different options of moving the patient off the bed. There is no one set procedure, your manual handling department may have a more suitable recommendation for your patients.

Moving from the bed to the floor

Option 1.

- Lower the bed to its lowest position.
- Hold the yellow pulling strap close to the vinyl at the head end.
- Move the EvacONE around 90 degrees on the mattress into a cross position.
- Keep a good correct posture, if required another person can assist in the next movement.
- Step and walk backwards allowing the patient to slide head first off the bed onto the floor.

Option 2.

- Lower the bed so that the foot end is at the lowest point.
- Remove the footboard from the bed.
- Working in pairs, one person at the head end and one at the feet, hold the yellow pull handles and slide the patient off the end of the bed feet first.

Moving across the floor

- Working in pairs, both pull the EvacONE at the head end.
- Remember you must arrive at the top of the stairs feet first so you may have to go through the last fire door feet first if there is insufficient space on the stair landing to turn the EvacONE around.
- The EvacONE must go down the stair's feet first with one member of staff at the head end and one at the foot end.
- The person at the foot end should move back down the stairs keeping the EvacONE as straight as possible until the patient's hips have cleared the top stair, at this point the person at the head end should pull back on the pulling straps raising the patients head as the person at the foot end allows the EvacONE to lower and follow the line of the stairs.
- Continue down the stairs with the person at the head end holding the pulling straps at their full length so their feet do not contact the EvacONE.
- Maintaining good communication between the person at the foot end the person at the head controls the speed of decent down the stairs.
- When on the stairs the pulling straps must be held in an open hand and not wrapped around the hands so if control of the EvacONE is lost the straps can be quickly released to prevent a fall.
- Once the patient has reached a point of safety ensure the cross straps are loosened to make them comfortable if appropriate.

Cleaning and general maintenance

- When training, it is suggested your training mat stops at the fire exit door so you do not get it scratched and damaged from the outside surfaces.
- The EvacONE can be wiped / washed clean after use.
- Ensure any strong detergents or disinfectants used are well rinsed off and not allowed to concentrate on the EvacONE.
- Carry out a thorough visual examination of the EvacONE and report any defects.
- Roll the EvacONE back into its foot pocket and stow away.

Tested safely to – 250kg

Maximum safe working load – 150kg with two persons operating

This instruction guide has been put together to assist staff in the safe use of the EvacONE.

Any manual handling techniques mentioned within this user guide are merely suggestions to move a non-ambulant person in an emergency.

This user guide is not a training manual and the safe use of the EvacONE needs to be assessed in line with the manual handling policies you have in place within your organisation.