MEDSOURCE: Extrication Device USER MANUAL



Intended Use:

The MedSource Extrication Device is designed to be used to aid in the immobilization of a patient where a spinal injury is suspected.

▲ IMPORTANT:

Read the instructions on the reverse side carefully before use. They are general guidelines for the use of this device, specific applications may vary. Instruction for the use of this device should also be included in the user's formal training program. Each user should read the instructions carefully and practice with the extrication device before use.

Reorder # MS-ED2253 Green Extrication Device MS-ED3000 Red Extrication Device MedSource 8600 Shelby Court Chanhassen, MN 55317 USA www.medsourcelabs.com Made in India

General use on patients found in the sitting position:

Remove the Extrication Device from the case and unroll it. Set aside neck pad and head restraint straps.

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It is recommended that three responders be available during the application of this device. One responder should manually stabilize the head and neck while the appropriately sized cervical collar (not included) is selected and applied. The head and neck should continue to be supported manually throughout the procedure. With a responder on either side of patient, gently slide the extrication device behind the back while minimizing any patient movement. The restraints will face AWAY from the patient. Make sure the extrication device is centered on the patient's spine.

The chest restraints are folded and held in place with hook-and-loop fasteners. Release them by loosening the fasteners. Notice that the straps are adjustable in length. The tang-ended straps will be on the patient's right side, the receivers on the left.

Pull the leg straps with the white buckles out from behind the patient and lay them out to the sides, out of the way.

Fasten the middle and bottom chest restraints. Leave the top chest restraint unfastened for now.

Lift the extrication device into position behind the patient, until the chest flaps are seated firmly under the patient's armpits. Tighten the middle and bottom chest restraints.

Pass the corresponding leg restraint under each of the patient's legs. Pull the strap end up between the legs and fasten the tang to the receiver on the OPPOSITE side of the extrication device. Tighten both leg restraints. 3

Fill any gap between the patient's neck and the extrication device using the provided neck pad or other padding. The neck pad can be folded to increase thickness.

Wrap the head flaps around the patient's head, and use one of the white head restraint straps to secure the flaps around the patient's forehead. Use the other head restraint strap to secure the head flaps around the patient's chin.

Fasten and tighten the upper chest restraint. Check to make sure all restraints are properly tightened. Confirm that the extrication device is centered and in position along the length of the spine, and that the chest flaps are firmly under the armpits.

Carefully turn, tilt or lift the patient to extricate to a backboard or other spinal transport device. Secure the patient and the extrication device to the backboard using restraint straps.

It is important to remember that these instructions are general guidelines, and should never supercede locally accepted techniques.