

## **ASSEMBLING PALLETIZED HMD SKEDS WITHOUT STRAPS ATTACHED**

1. Lace the ends of the red tow strap with plastic handles through the slots at the head end. Start downward, then upward through the second slot, downward through the third and upward through the 1/2" diameter round hole. Pull enough webbing through to open a loop large enough to pass the end of a black strap through it.



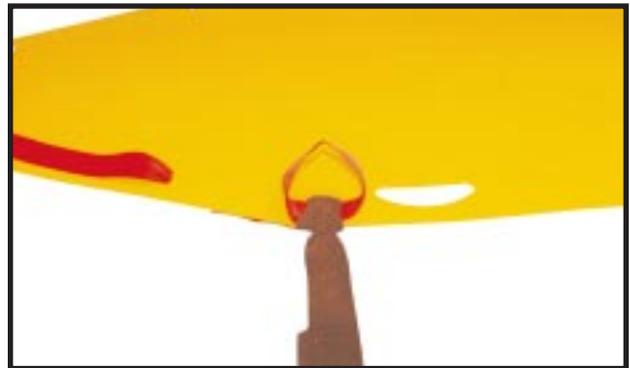
2. Separate the two halves of a black cross strap.



3. On each side of the HMD Sked pass the loop end of the strap through the red strap loop and through the adjacent slot in the HMD Sked. Pull it through far enough to open the end loop and pass the buckle end of the strap through. This will form a girth hitch through the red strap end and the slot.



4. Pull it tight.

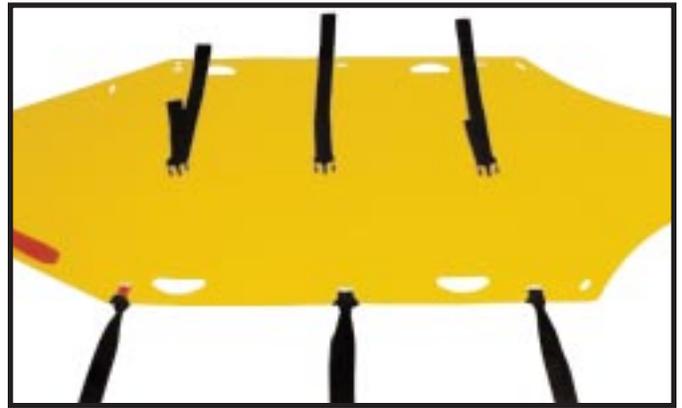


5. Pull the red strap loop tight and remove all slack in the strap.

5-1. Follow steps 1 - 5 on opposite side.



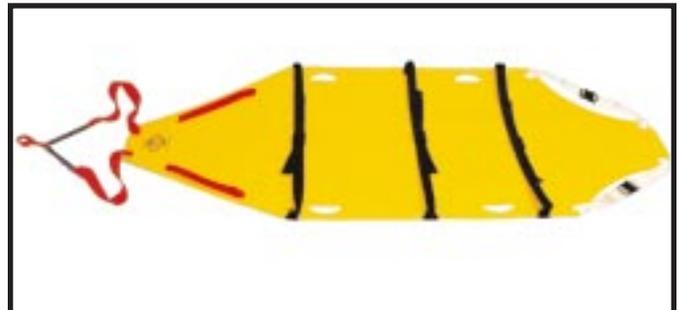
6. Do the same with the remaining two cross straps. The only difference is there is no red strap to deal with on the center and lower cross straps.



7. Separate the two halves of each white foot end strap and attach them through the angled slots at the corners of the foot end of the HMD Sked, using a girth hitch.



8. Fasten the ends of all buckle straps so they lay flat and do not pull upward on the edges of the HMD Sked. The HMD Sked must lie flat prior to patient packaging.

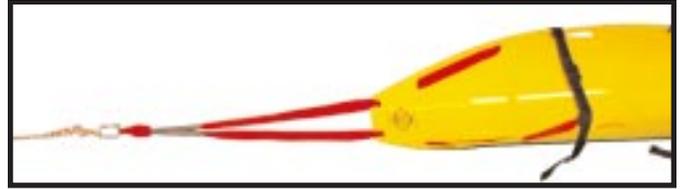


9. Note: The center of the red towing strap has a loop for attaching a rope using a carabiner. On each side is a tubular plastic handle, which allows a rescuer on each side to grip it comfortably and drag the HMD Sked.



## USE OF THE HMD SKED

10. Prior to entering the Hot zone attach a rope to the center of the tow strap with a carabiner.



11. Pull on both white foot straps to raise the foot end of the HMD Sked about 4-8 inches. On level surfaces, this is enough to prevent the patient from sliding downward in the HMD Sked.



12. Upon reaching the patient, place the HMD Sked next to him. Unbuckle the center and upper cross straps.



13. Roll the patient into the center of the HMD Sked and FASTEN the ends of the cross straps and adjust the straps to pull the sides of the HMD Sked up around the patient. Using a hand or transmitted voice signal have 1 to 2 people in the decon area pull on the rope and drag the HMD Sked with patient to decon.

14. **Note:**

A. Attaching a rope to the foot end of the HMD Sked allows a third person in a level A suit to pull the empty HMD Sked back to the hot zone. This enables the other two level A rescuers to package patients only and will "speed up" the operation considerably. The rope can be attached with a carabiner to the hole in the center at the foot end.

B. It is quicker to place a clean HMD Sked next to the one with a patient and roll the patient from the "shuttle" Sked to the clean one. This eliminates the need to disconnect and reconnect the ropes. It also prevents abrading the under side of all HMD Skeds making decon easier and more complete.



15. If a rescuer goes down from heat exhaustion or any others reason his partner will place an HMD Sked in front of him, roll him on using his air tank as a handle. Fasten the straps around him and have him hauled out. This can usually be done in less time than it takes for the two standby level A rescuers to be zipped up and duct taped to enter the hot zone.



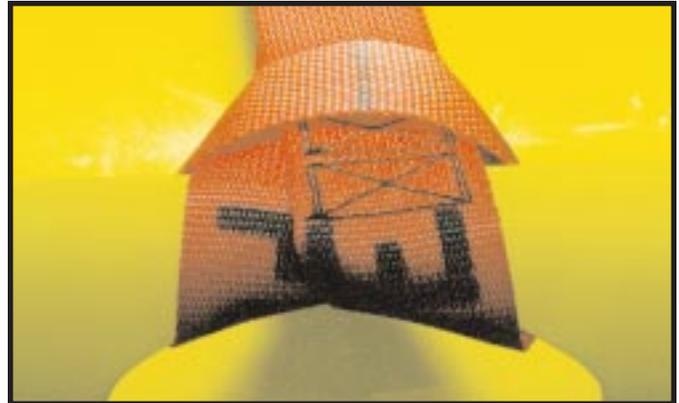
16. There are four extra slings provided with each HMD Sked. They are used for easier handling when on stairways, steep terrain or to place the HMD Sked onto a decontamination rack. They are attached by folding the sling at the line between the words FOLD | HERE on each sling. Insert the folded end through the cut-in hand holds of the HMD Sked. Open a loop at the folded end. Insert the two sewn ends through the loop to form a girth hitch and pull it tight. You now have a foot long handle and a two foot long handle at each hand hold of the HMD Sked.



The foot long end is best on stairways for negotiation around landings and up stairways.

The two foot long end is best on steep terrain and for placing the HMD Sked with patient onto a decontamination rack.

One or two Rescuers on each side can lift using the 2 foot end and move laterally to place the victim on the rack and from the rack to a guerny for transport to a hospital.



17. The HMD Skeds can be pre-rigged with the straps and rolled up. They can be rolled, one inside the other, with as many as four per roll in about a fourteen inch diameter. A rapid deployment bag is available to store them in. It has two pockets to store the extra slings and other parts. This allows the stretchers to be stored inside a compartment on a fire or rescue vehicle. It also makes it possible for immediate use without assembling or waiting for the pallets to be delivered.



### Decontamination

The HMD Sked is decontaminated the same way any other equipment is done. If the stretcher has deep scratches on the under side from dragging over extremely rough areas it should be pressure washed. The straps are removed and decontaminated separately or destroyed. When the HMD Sked is dry it can be stored on pallets (flat) or rolled up with clean or new straps ready for the next use.

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