



Bend Fire & Rescue EMS Performance Standards

Pelvic Sling – 3.2.5

Performance Objective

- To protect and/or prevent further injury to pelvis through immobilization with a pelvic sling.

Equipment Needed

- PPE
- Pelvic Sling

Procedure

- A. Take or verbalize appropriate body substance isolation precautions.
 - Examples: gloves, goggles, mask, gown, etc.
- B. Perform initial trauma assessment and identify pelvic injury or mechanism with potential for pelvic injury.
- C. Ensure that patient's pockets are empty (if possible) and place patient in supine position.
- D. Place sling underneath pelvis, making sure to center with the greater trochanters.
 - *Note: If pelvic sling is not available, a sheet may be used.
- E. Adjust sling strap to patient size to allow for strap tensioning.
- F. Place strap through buckle and pull tension until a "POP" is heard, this noise indicates sufficient tension.
- G. Secure strap to sling and prepare patient for transport.
- H. Continually reassess patient condition.
 - Significant blood loss is possible in pelvic fractures, patient may present with signs / symptoms of shock.