

**SKED SAVES LIVES  
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**THE  
SKED® STRETCHER**

**SKED® THE COMPLETE RESCUE SYSTEM**



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**INSTRUCTIONS**

Congratulations on your purchase of the Sked® Rescue System. You will find it a valuable tool that will enable rescues to be performed safer, faster, and easier. The Sked® Stretcher is an entirely different concept in stretcher design. Therefore, potential rescuers should practice and familiarize themselves with the Sked® prior to using it on an actual rescue.

The Sked® Stretcher provides excellent patient support and protection. However, it is NOT designed as a spinal immobilization device. If a spinal injury is suspected, secure the patient to an approved spinal immobilization device prior to placing him/her in the Sked®. The Sked® Stretcher will accommodate long and short backboards, scoop stretchers, Oregon Spine Splint II™ and most other immobilization equipment. A backboard must be used in conjunction with the Sked® Stretcher on patients who have sustained injuries to the shoulder area.

**NEVER SUSPEND THE SKED® STRETCHER BY A SINGLE GROMMET.** Use the slings and webbing in the manner for which they are provided. The Sked® Stretcher should be stored in the cordura pack, as prolonged exposure to sunlight (UV rays) can damage all plastics.

Skedco manufactures several other components for the Sked®. Those components will enable you to use your Sked® for many different types of rescues. Confined space, high level, rough terrain, military, and water rescues are some of the applications of the Sked®. See your Skedco catalog for the proper components for your Sked® application.

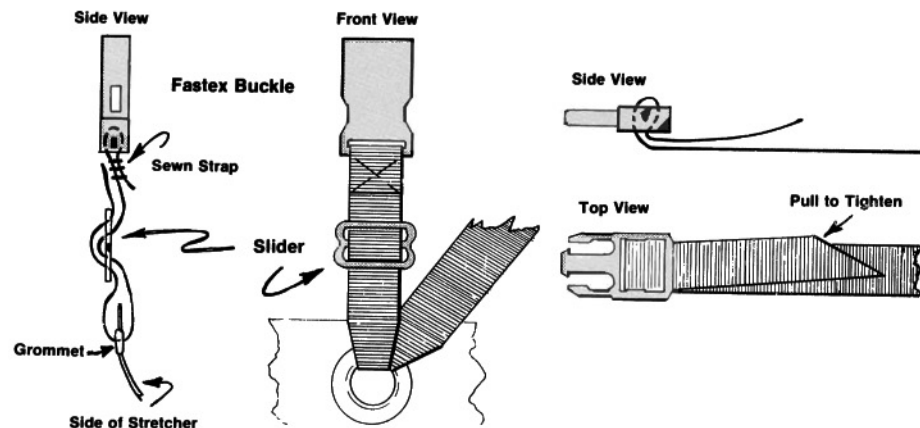
**ALWAYS** use a tag line when hoisting a Sked® or any other kind of stretcher by helicopter because without it all litters can spin.

Thank you for purchasing the Sked® Rescue System. Please write or call if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions. We always appreciate input from our customers.

Sincerely,  
**SKEDCO, INC.**

## OPTIONAL QUICK CONNECT/QUICK RELEASE BUCKLE KIT

**WARNING: For Surface Use Only! Not For Hoisting.**



**NOTE:**  
PATIENT MUST BE PLACED ON APPROVED SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION DEVICE IF SPINAL INJURY IS KNOWN OR SUSPECTED. DO PRIOR TO PLACING PATIENT IN THE SKED® STRETCHER.

## ROLLING UP THE SKED® STRETCHER



1. LAY STRETCHER OUT AND PLACE RETAINER STRAP, BUCKLE SIDE DOWN UNDER FOOT END OF SKED®.



2. STARTING AT THE HEAD END, ROLL THE SKED® UP AS TIGHT AS POSSIBLE.

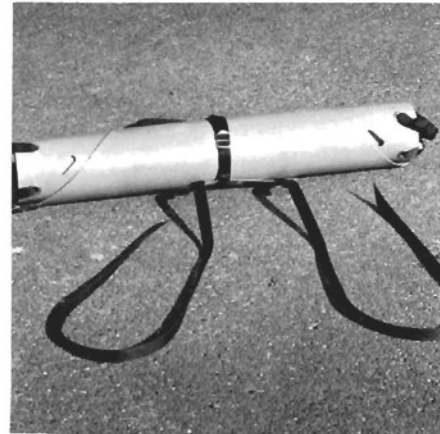


3. CONTINUE TO ROLL THE SKED® UP USING KNEE TO KEEP STRETCHER FROM UNROLLING.



4. FASTEN PRE-PLACED RETAINER STRAP TO BUCKLE AND PLACE SKED® STRETCHER IN BACK PACK.

## TO UNROLL SKED® STRETCHER AND LAY FLAT



1. REMOVE SKED® FROM PACK AND PLACE ON GROUND.



2. UNFASTEN RETAINER STRAP, STEP ON FOOT END OF SKED®, AND UNROLL COMPLETELY TO OPPOSITE END.



3. BEND THE SKED® IN HALF AND BACK ROLL. REPEAT WITH OPPOSITE END OF STRETCHER.



4. SKED® STRETCHER WILL NOW LAY FLAT.

## TO PLACE A PATIENT ON THE SKED®: LOG ROLL METHOD



1. PLACE SKED® STRETCHER NEXT TO PATIENT. INSURE HEAD END OF STRETCHER IS ADJACENT TO HEAD OF PATIENT. PLACE CROSS STRAPS UNDER SKED®.



2. LOG ROLL PATIENT AND SLIDE SKED® AS FAR UNDER PATIENT AS POSSIBLE. GENTLY ROLL PATIENT DOWN ON TO SKED® STRETCHER.



3. SLIDE PATIENT TO CENTER OF SKED® STRETCHER. BE SURE TO KEEP SPINAL COLUMN AS STRAIGHT AS POSSIBLE.



4. PULL STRAPS OUT FROM UNDER SKED® STRETCHER AND FASTEN TO BUCKLES. (SEE PG. 5)

## BACKPACK/TOWING HARNESS

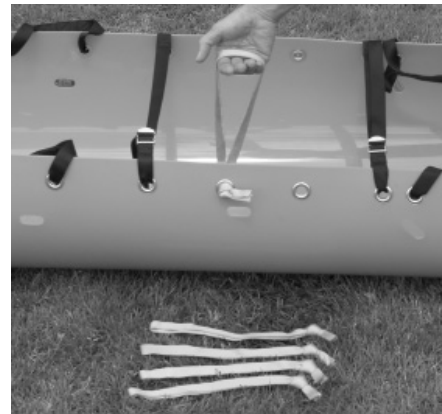


4. BRING ENDS OF ROPE UP OVER END OF SKED®, PASS THRU CARRYING HANDLES AND SECURE WITH A SQUARE KNOT. SAFETY EACH SIDE WITH AN OVER HAND KNOT.



1. ATTACH ONE END TO THE BACKPACK, ONE END TO THE TOWING HANDLE WEBBING. BACKPACK USED AS TOWING HARNESS.

## OTHER ACCESSORIES REMOVABLE WEBBING HANDLES



1. SET OF 4 REMOVABLE WEBBING HANDLES ENABLES UP TO 8 RESCUERS TO CARRY SKED®. INSERT THRU UNUSED GROMMETS ON SIDE OF SKED®.



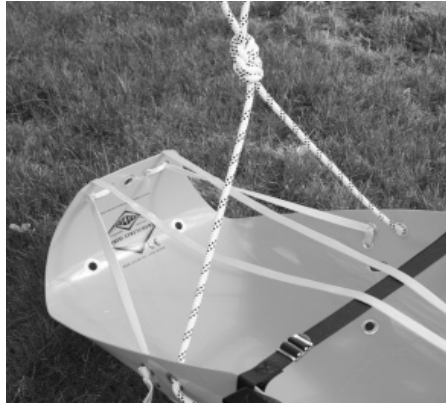
2. TOW STRAP IS ATTACHED TO CARRY HANDLES ENABLING 3 OR 4 RESCUERS TO DRAG THE SKED®.

## VERTICAL LIFT/DESCENT

A 30 FOOT LENGTH OF 3/8" STATIC KERNMANTLE ROPE WITH A FIGURE EIGHT KNOT TIED IN THE CENTER IS USED TO CONFIGURE SKED® STRETCHER FOR VERTICAL LEFT/DESCENT.



1. PASS EACH END OF THE ROPE THRU GROMMETS AT THE HEAD END OF THE STRETCHER. PULL THE KNOT UP AGAINST THE STRETCHER.



- 1A. ALTERNATE METHOD FOR USE IN TIGHT CONFINED SPACES.

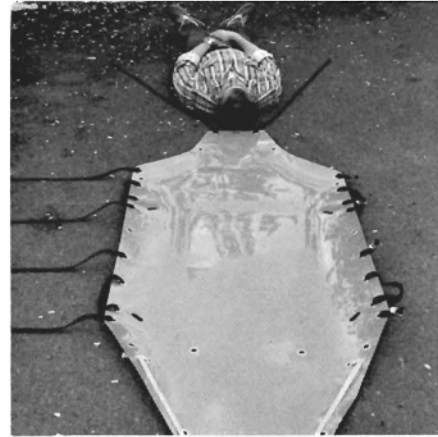


2. CONTINUE FEEDING ROPE THRU UNUSED GROMMETS AND CARRYING HANDLES ALL THE WAY TO THE FOOT END OF THE SKED®. INSURE BOTH ENDS OF ROPE ARE EVEN.



3. PASS THE ROPE ENDS THRU GROMMETS AT THE FOOT END OF SKED® FROM THE INSIDE OUTWARD. TIE THE ENDS OF THE ROPE TOGETHER WITH A SQUARE KNOT.

## TO PLACE A PATIENT ON THE SKED®: SLIDE METHOD



1. POSITION FOOT END OF SKED® STRETCHER AT HEAD OF PATIENT



2. HAVE ONE RESCUER STRADDLE SKED® AND SUPPORT PATIENTS HEAD, NECK AND SHOULDERS.



3. GRASP FOOT STRAPS OF SKED® STRETCHER AND SLIDE SKED® UNDER PATIENT.

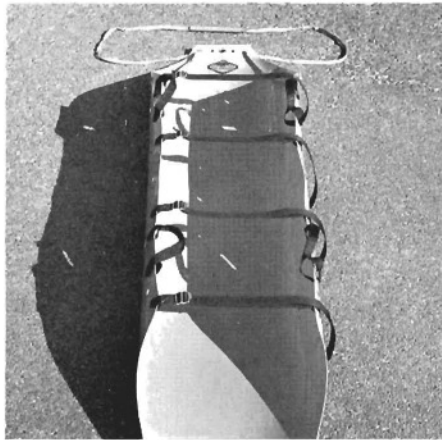


4. CENTER PATIENT ON SKED® STRETCHER AND FASTEN STRAPS TO BUCKLES (SEE PG 5).

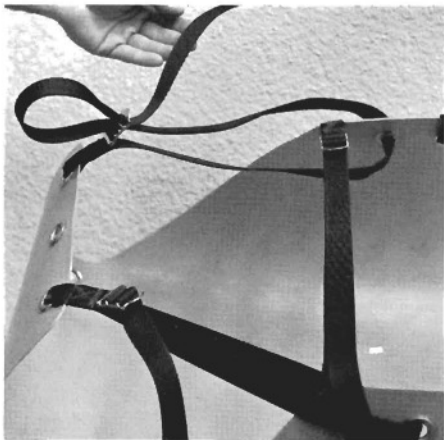
## HOW TO POSITION AND FASTEN STRAPS TO BUCKLES



1. UNROLL SKED® STRETCHER AND LAY FLAT.



2. LIFT SIDES OF SKED® AND FASTEN THE FOUR CROSS STRAPS OF BUCKLES DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE STRAPS.



3. FEED FOOT STRAPS THRU UNUSED GROMMETS AT FOOT END OF SKED® AND FASTEN TO BUCKLES (AS SHOWN IN ABOVE PHOTO).



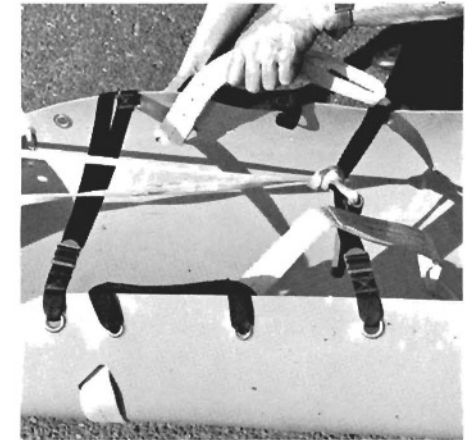
4. SKED® STRETCHER WITH ALL STRAPS BUCKLED IN PROPER MANNER.

## HORIZONTAL LIFT/DESCENT

TWO NYLON WEBBING STRAPS RATED AT 9,000 POUNDS MBS EACH ARE USED FOR HORIZONTAL LIFT/DESCENT. HEAD STRAP IS 6" SHORTER THAN FOOT STRAP AND IS USED AT HEAD END OF STRETCHER ONLY.



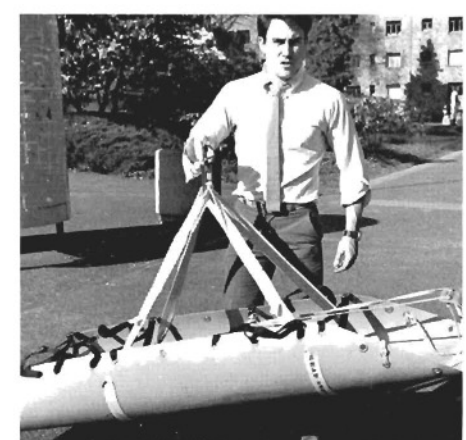
1. INSERT ONE END OF HEAD STRAP THRU LIFT SLOT AT HEAD END OF STRETCHER.



2. BRING STRAP UNDER SKED® AND THRU SLOT ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF SKED®.



3. EQUALIZE STRAP. REPEAT PROCEDURE WITH OTHER STRAP AT FOOT END OF SKED®.



4. EQUALIZE ALL FOUR STRAPS AND SECURE TO LARGE STEEL LOCKING CARABINER.