

## **Operation guide**

The GLOBEX EvacuMAT is a flexible lightweight stretcher for the evacuation of non-ambulant patients.

The integral foot pocket stores the rolled up EvacuMAT.

Using the EvacuMAT

- Take the EvacuMAT to the patient, undo the small yellow webbing strap and holding the carry handle allow the EvacuMAT to fall and un-roll out of the pocket.
- Secure the user on the EvacuMAT as indicated and using the colour coded straps.
- The user is now ready to be moved.

Moving across the floor

- Working in pairs, both pull the EvacuMAT 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 EvacuMAT around.
- The EvacuMAT 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 EvacuMAT as straight as possible until the users hips have cleared the top stair, at this point the person at the head end should pull back on the pulling straps raising the users head as the person at the foot end allows the EvacuMAT 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 EvacuMAT.
- 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 EvacuMAT is lost the straps can be quickly released to prevent a fall.
- Once the user 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 EvacuMAT 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 EvacuMAT.
- Carry out a thorough visual examination of the EvacuMAT and report any defects.
- Roll the EvacuMAT back into its foot pocket and stow away.

Tested safely to – 250kg

Maximum safe working load – 150kg with two persons operating

This guide has been put together to assist operators in the safe use of the EvacuMAT, please also see the video on our website.

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



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