

EVACUATION

Putting the Rescue into Search and Rescue

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Search is locating the
subject

Rescue is getting them out



Stabilize/ Package / Evacuate

- Need to have a plan BEFORE you find them (Planning Section)
- Need to accurately assess and communicate what is needed
- Need to treat the subject
- Need to package the subject
- Need to safely get them out

Stabilize and Treat

- Subjects condition > Lost verses hypothermic
- Environment > Warm summer verses wind & rain
- Distance to a safe environment > car access verses deep in a cave

Walk them out or carry them out?

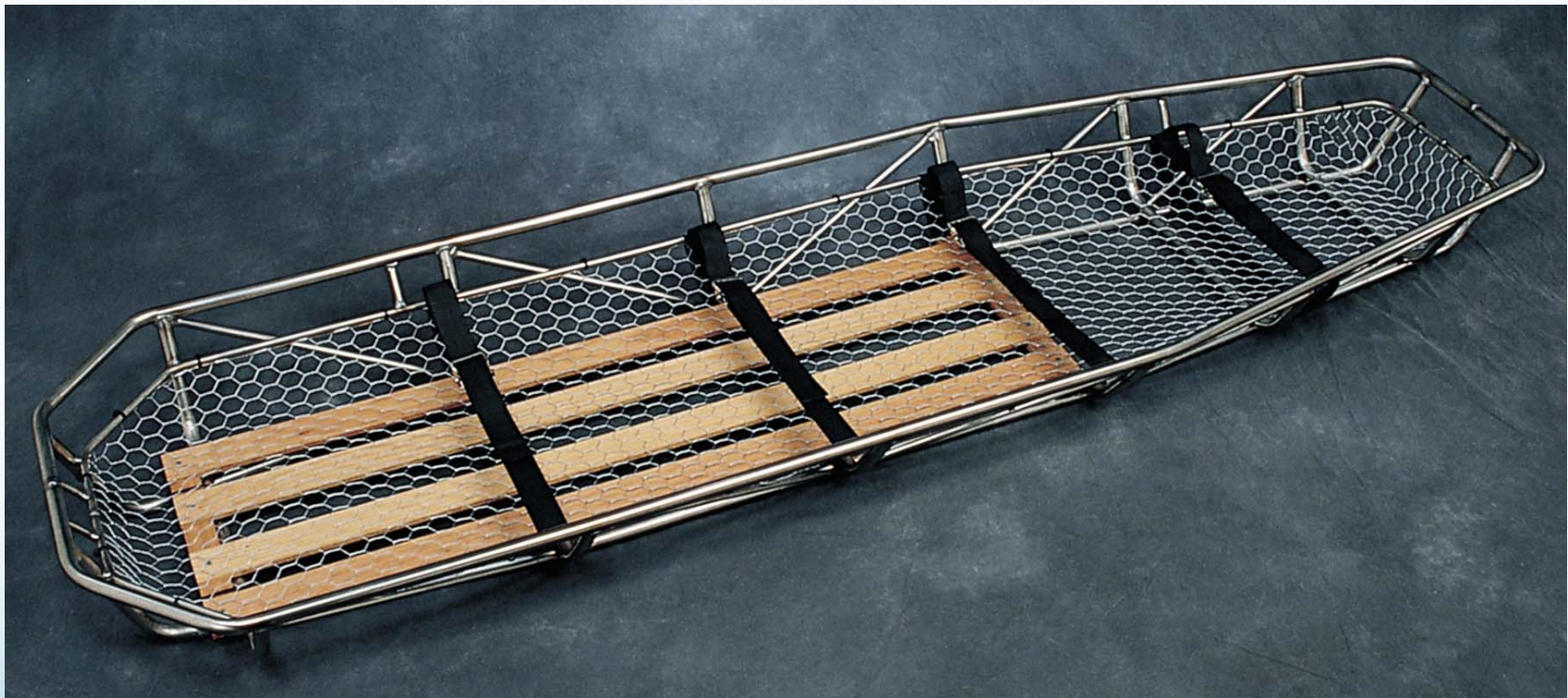


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Walk them out or carry them out?

- Medical condition
- Mental state
- Ability to function/ produce heat
- Urgency of situation
- Resources available

Packaging Tools



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Mule



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Wheeled Stretcher









The Snowbulance



What We Plan For



Worse Case Scenario



What Actually Happens



Needs of the Subject

- Some control, allow them to make decisions
- Warmth, they are not producing heat
- Feet first & head up
- Grab handles and feet straps
- Knees bent
- Eye and face protection
- Water in and water out, give them opportunities
- Padding, too much is almost enough

Route Selection

- Think before you move
- Look at the map discuss options
- Have a backup plan
- Send a team ahead to scout and to flag
- Short verses easy route finding

Slope Rescue

- Low Slope may only require a single rope on a belay



Steeper Slopes

- Require specialized teams, training and gear



Carrying the Subject

- Bring more help than you need, and have more coming
- Minimum of four on the stretcher, six is better
- One person in charge
- Good “positive” communication. Subjects have ears
- Planned regular rotation

Webbing for Comfort

