



Cot User Tips

Disengaging the auxiliary lock

Auxiliary lock must **always** be disengaged to lower cot from load position or to load the cot into the ambulance. It is located at the foot-end on patient's left side. Push the lock lever towards the head-end to disengage the auxiliary lock.

Auxiliary lock resets automatically

The auxiliary lock will automatically reset after the red release handle is squeezed and released. If this occurs while still in the load (or highest) position, to load or lower the cot you will need to disengage the auxiliary lock again.

Auxiliary lock only locks in the load position

When the cot is in any position other than the load position (highest position) there is no need to disengage the auxiliary lock.

Built in safety feature (lift then squeeze)

The cot has a built in safety feature which requires **both operators to lift the cot slightly before the foot end operator squeezes the red foot-end release handle**. This feature ensures both operators are prepared to lower the cot and decreases chances of an injury to the operators and/or patient. With an empty cot, the operators may have to generate a downward force after squeezing the foot-end release handle to get the cot started in its downward descent.

Squeeze foot-end release completely

After raising the cot slightly from both ends, **squeeze the foot-end release handle all the way to the grip** to begin lowering. Relaxing your grip on the handle once the cot starts downward allows the cot to lock in any of the height positions. When raising to a high position from a low height position completely squeeze the foot-end release handle.

Transport at load-height position

You may transport in the load height position. This eliminates any additional steps prior to load into the EMS vehicle. (Note: Transport in the lower height positions as appropriate to ensure patient safety.)

Cot is not flat in highest transport position

Cot is not flat when in its highest transport position to facilitate easy loading! It remains at a slight head-up/foot-down angle (reverse Trendelenburg).

Unloading from Ambulance

It is not necessary to squeeze the foot-end release handle to lower the cot out of the ambulance.

One-step cot positioning

You can raise the cot from any position to load position in one step.

Prior to operating cot read and understand *Operations Manual & In-service video*

Always review additional instructions and warnings prior to cot operation.