

# KENDRICK EXTRICATION DEVICE (KED)

Maintain in-line stabilization of c-spine.

Assess distal pulses, motor function and sensation.

Apply appropriately sized C-Collar per protocol.

Position device behind the seated patient where it fits snugly beneath their armpits.

Apply straps in order:

- Middle (Thorax)
- Bottom (Abdomen)
- Legs – Be sure not to pinch the genitalia.
- Head
- Top (Chest) – Avoid over tightening and restricting breathing.

When securing head, apply a proper amount of padding between the head and back of KED to keep the head in neutral position.

Fold the sides of the headpiece around so they cradle the head. For most patients in a properly fitted KED the sides should completely cover the ears.

Secure the head to the device using the supplied velcro straps, kling or coban.

Turn or lift the patient and device as a unit and lower onto a long spine board. Release the leg straps to allow the patient's legs to lie flat on the board. Secure to the long spine board.

After the patient is secured to the long spine board, the chest straps of the KED may be loosened for patient comfort and/or reassessment.

Reassess distal pulses, motor function and sensation.

