1. Remove the retainer strap from the Half Sked.
2. Unroll the Half Sked and press the sides firmly down to the floor/ground.
3. The Half Sked is now configured to receive a patient.
5. Place the ramp created by curling the foot end downward above the patient’s head. This will prevent the end of the Half Sked from catching onto the patient’s clothing or harness.
6. Grasp the lower portion of the groin straps and pull the Half Sked under the patient as far as possible.
7. Place one or both of your knees below the patient’s feet to prevent him from sliding and pull the Half Sked under him to a point where his head is on the label.
8. Fasten all straps except for the top one and pull them snug around the patient.
9. Insert tubular webbing through the D ring on the back of the patient’s harness and pull the ends out to where they are equal. When finished fasten the top body strap.
10. Insert a large Carabiner through the looped ends of the tubular webbing and the drag webbing of the Half Sked and attach the haul line.

**CAUTION:** It is imperative that a belay line is attached to the front of the patient’s harness for safety while hoisting the patient in the Half Sked (not shown in these instructions).

11. To package a patient into a half Sked from the side, place the Half Sked next to the patient and roll him onto his side. (If the patient has suspected spinal injuries he must be placed into an Oregon Spine splint prior to packaging him).

12. Pull the Half Sked against the patient parallel to his body.

13. Lower the patient onto the Half Sked and use his clothing or harness to gently pull him to the center of it. Fasten the straps as shown above.

As shown previously, loop the tubular webbing through the D ring on the back of the patient’s harness and pull the ends up to where they are the same length.

Insert a carabiner through the ends of the looped webbing.

Attach the haul line to the carabiner.

After the belay line (not shown) is attached you are ready to hoist the patient in a vertical position.