

User Instructions

M08984 - The Ann-Yann Pool Evacuation Sheet

General Safety Warning

Please ensure these instructions are fully read and understood before use. Retain these instructions in a safe place for future reference.

Intended Use

The Ann-Yann Pool Evacuation Sheet is a rectangle of knitted polyester fabric with eight webbing handles (four on each long side), and is designed to facilitate the removal of a person from a swimming pool or hydrotherapy pool in the event of that person becoming incapacitated by e.g. epileptic seizure. The sheet is intended for use with a closed cell foam mat of the type typically found in gymnasiums and with a low friction transfer sheet (Glide Sheet or Slide Sheet).

Safety

Persons using this equipment should have received appropriate training or instruction. Transfers should only be attempted following a comprehensive risk assessment. Given the critical nature of the need to evacuate a person, staff must be fully familiar with their local Pools Emergency Action Plan or similar, and a minimum of four trained staff members must be in attendance.

Overriding consideration must be given to:

- **Ensuring a clear airway**
- **Casualty and rescuer safety at all times**
- **Safe and effective manual handling techniques**

Specifications

Materials:

Fabric -	Knitted Polyester
Webbing -	Polypropylene
Thread -	Nylon
Head support	
Stiffeners -	N/A
Binding -	Acrylic



Safe Working Load - N/A

The Ann-Yann Pool Evacuation Sheet is not intended to be a patient lifting sling, and no safe working load applies. The combination of fabric, webbing and construction techniques used are identical to those used in the production of Notts Rehab supplies' slings, all of which are subjected to loading of at least 262.5 kg for extended periods during testing.

Positioning the Ann-Yann Pool Evacuation Sheet

1.1 - In the event of a person in the pool becoming incapacitated by e.g. epileptic seizure, and the Local Emergency Action Plan being initiated, Staff Member 1 enters the pool and carefully approaches the casualty from behind, initially ensuring that the casualty's face is clear of the water. Care must be taken to protect the casualty's head and airway, and to prevent injury to the staff member.

1.2 - Staff Member 2 ensures that other persons leave the pool safely and are clear of the poolside, then enters the water to give assistance.

Positioning the AnnYann Pool Evacuation Sheet – continued:

1.3 - Staff member 3 prepares the site of the evacuation by placing the closed cell foam mat's long side over the pool edge, securing it by tucking into the rail or gully, if available. A Glide Sheet or Slide Sheet, large enough to cover the width of the mat and to reach the surface of the water is positioned over the mat.

1.4 - Staff Member 2 places the Pool Evacuation Sheet under and around the casualty (other staff members may be required to assist temporarily), placing all eight webbing handles on top of the casualty in preparation for handing these to staff members at the poolside. Staff members 1 and 2 bring the casualty to a position adjacent to the mat at the poolside, with the casualty's head to foot alignment parallel with the pool edge.

1.5 - Staff Members 3 and 4 position themselves on either side of the mat, facing the water.

Caution: The positioning of the low friction transfer sheet on the mat makes the surface unstable and represents a potential risk. Staff members must not stand on the transfer sheet. Feet should be positioned shoulders width apart, with one foot forward of the other, in preparation for grasping the Pool Evacuation Sheet's extended handles and assisting with the transfer to the poolside. Feet must be firmly placed, and not in a position where they may slip.

1.6 - Staff Members 3 and 4 grasp the extended handles (The size of the casualty will dictate whether all handles must be used, but it is essential that traction is applied to the sheet along a length equivalent to the distance between the casualty's shoulders and hips). Staff members 1 and 2 support the casualty in the water by placing hands palm upwards under the casualty's hips and shoulders.

1.7 - On a previously agreed signal, Staff Members 3 and 4 transfer weight from front foot to back foot, while Staff Members 1 and 2 stand from a knees bent position, causing the casualty to slide over the mat to a safe position on the poolside.

Important

2.1 - These instructions do not replace the local Pools Emergency Plan or any other standing instructions to staff.

2.2 - Persons using this equipment should have received appropriate training or instruction. Transfers should only be attempted following a comprehensive risk assessment.

2.3 - The condition of the Ann-Yann Pool Evacuation Sheet may deteriorate over time, due to exposure to sunlight, the effects of laundering, contact with sharp or abrasive surfaces or edges, etc., and the product must therefore be regularly inspected for signs of damage or wear. In the event that signs of damage or wear are apparent, the product should be quarantined, then repaired or replaced as appropriate.

Care and Maintenance

- The Ann-Yann Pool Evacuation Sheet may be washed at a maximum wash temperature of 70° c.
- Do not use bleach.
- Do not iron.
- Do not dry clean.
- Air dry, or tumble dry only on 'cool' setting.
- It is important that the Ann-Yann Pool Evacuation Sheet is regularly inspected for signs of damage or wear to any component. Discontinue use immediately in the event that any sign of damage or wear is apparent.

Product information

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