

## Stars & Stripes Gait belt

Reorder #	Description	Size
□252015	Stars & Stripes Gait Belt, Metal Buckle	Each
□252055	Stars & Stripes Gait Belt, Delrin Buckle	Each

### Purpose

This belt is intended for use in lifting, ambulating, or transferring patients. It is not to be used as a safety restraint in wheelchairs, chairs of any kind, or in beds.

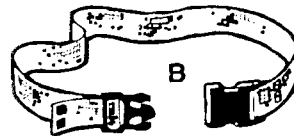
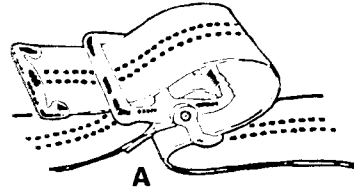
### Using the Gait Belt

1. Place the belt around the patient's waist only. Do not place around patient's chest.

**Metal Buckle** Secure by threading metal-tipped end through buckle hinge, over teeth, and through slot at back of buckle. Illustration A shows webbing path through buckle.

**Delrin Buckle** Secure by inserting male end of buckle into female end. See illustration B. To release buckle, simultaneously press tabs at top and bottom of buckle.

**Before ambulating or lifting patient, make certain that buckle is positioned behind patient. Do not permit patient to have access to buckle.**



2. Make certain belt fits snugly. Leave enough room so that you can get both hands around webbing.
3. Grasp belt at patient's back and side. A right-handed caregiver should place his/her right hand at the patient's back and left hand at patient's left side. A left-handed caregiver should do the opposite.
4. To achieve your most secure grip, slide your hands upward under the belt with palms facing away from patient.

### Important

Before lifting, ambulating, or transferring patient, be certain that you have the physical capability to support patient's weight. If necessary, two caregivers may be necessary to perform these tasks.

### Laundering

This belt may be laundered and dried at temperatures up to 180°F (82°C). Do not use bleach. Do not place belt in a water extractor, as it will crush the buckle.