

## MAINTENANCE **GUIDELINES**

## IMPORTANT: PRIOR TO USE

The RISE™ (Rigid Immobilization System for Extremities) is subject to wear and can eventually degrade after multiple uses and cleaning. If the user identifies any defects in appearance or functionality, the device must be discarded and replaced.

Note: It is recommended to never use a RISE™ after it has been used for training.

## INSPECTION

1) When the RISE™ is thoroughly dry, check the snaps for any corrosion. Make sure the snaps are still tight against the plastic surface and not lose or breaking free. The snaps should be tight enough that it is difficult to rotate them with your hand.

Note: Do NOT store the RISE™ when damp or wet as this can result in mildew or mold on the device and compromise the cleanliness for future use.

- 2) Inspect the plastic body of the RISE™. There should be no bends or additional folds other than the pre-formed, living hinges that are manufactured to fold the device in specific locations. Check for discoloration or cracks that may have occurred during use.
- 3) Inspect the living hinges on the RISE™. Make sure there are no visible cracks or tears in those locations.

Note: A slight whitening of the living hinge is normal; however, if small cracks are identified the device should no longer be used.

- 4) Check the pelvic stabilization slots on the RISE™. Ensure they are not ripped or torn if the RISE™ was used previously for pelvic stabilization.
- **5)** Assess if the instructions for use are still visible and legible.
- **6)** Re-fold and store in the original configuration as per manufacturers guidelines.

**Note**: It is important to understand that if the RISE™ is unable to be cleaned adequately, or if there is any concern about functionality, it should be discarded and replaced immediately.

## **CLEANING**

- 1) Always wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as gloves, prior to touching any contaminated device.
- 2) As needed, use lukewarm water and a mild enzymatic detergent to clean bodily fluids; use a sponge or soft bristle brush to remove heavy contamination.
- 3) Rinse the RISE™ device in its entirety with clean, lukewarm water. Repeat, if necessary, until all detergent has been removed and the device is completely clean and free from visible contamination. Discard the device if any visible contamination is unable to be removed.
- **4)** To disinfect, lightly spray or wipe the entire RISE™ with a non-corrosive surface disinfectant such as Cidex® or a 10% bleach solution. Do not use a chemical that may affect the integrity of the device or is harmful to polyethylene. Follow the disinfectant manufacturer guidelines for use while cleaning.

Note: Do not wipe the surface with 80% isopropyl alcohol or an alcohol-based solution to prevent information on the device such as the instructions for use from being removed.

5) Hang the RISE™ to air dry or dry with a clean cloth. Allow the RISE™ to fully dry before inspection and storage.

Note: When washing, pay particular attention to cleaning the snaps as the area on the device may be hard to see, resulting in hidden contamination.

