

CASE STUDY

EMS > Case #510

Wheelchair bound patient experiences the Binder Lift Difference...

Beatrice medics abandon old methods of lifting after this one call

Location Beatrice Fire Department – Beatrice, NE

Provider Reporting Brian Daake, Fire Chief

Patient Event Patient w/ history of falling tells dispatch to send the ambulance with the Binder Lift

> The Situation

Not long after equipping their first ambulance with both sizes of the Original Binder Lift the Beatrice Fire and Rescue Department was dispatched for a known lift assist call. The 250lb female patient was specifically asking for the ambulance equipped with the Binder Lift. She was diagnosed with MS and had a history of falling. The MS caused her to have very limited mobility in her lower extremities and she often fell when transferring from her motorized scooter to a different location such as the toilet or bed. After being lifted both with and without the Binder Lift in the weeks prior she knew she needed to ask for the Binder Lift to make sure the lift assist went as painless as possible for everyone involved.



Beatrice Fire and Rescue Squad 1

> The Binder Lift Difference

The Binder Lift's patented torso wrap design and cushioned top edge provides superior patient comfort and security. In this case, the patient didn't need any medical attention; she simply needed to be picked up and placed back on her scooter. Prior to having the Binder Lift, Beatrice fire fighters utilized the common method within EMS of lifting the patient by her limbs. This outdated practice puts serious strain on the patient's shoulders and the care-provider's back. According to Captain Craig Fisher "Using the Binder Lift system spreads the lifting point over a large area as opposed to a provider grabbing an arm or leg, which is a much smaller area. It also allows different hand locations, which in turn permits me to get in a more proper lifting position."

"We have one patient that will request the Binder Lift when she calls 911 after she falls. It provides her with a much greater degree of comfort when being lifted"

- Brian Daake, Fire Chief



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