

## Loading and unloading incubator into ambulance

**Aim: to ensure safe transfer of the infant and maintain staff safety at all times**

The involvement of the Ambulance Service is essential, and working in accordance with the Ambulance Service Information Pack with regard to Vehicle Suspension, Ramp and Winch and the Incubator Securing Policy (GMAS (April 2004) is required.

All equipment used during the transfer of the infant must be CEN compliant.

### **Risk Assessment should be considered**

- Does the task involve manual handling?
- Is there a risk of possible injury from the activity?
- Is it reasonably practical to fully mechanise the movement of the incubator?
- Determine measures to reduce risk to low.

### **Responsibility**

The Ambulance Service facilitates the loading and unloading of the incubator and must use the most appropriate method available to them.

It is the responsibility of the Transport Team to ensure the safety of the infant and staff during this time.

### **References**

GMAS (April 2004), Education and Training Department, Greater Manchester Ambulance Service NHS Trust, Ladybridge Hall)