TAKE 5 FOR SAFETY

5-MINUTE SAFETY DRILL

STRAINS AND SPRAINS: We Must Work Safer

Date:_____

Student:_____

Dept:_____

Station:_____

Training Code:_____

NOTES:

CHALLENGE

Strains and sprains continue to represent the third largest category of injury to emergency personnel. Statistics indicate that patient transfers are a major source of injuries that result in strains and sprains.

Winter weather conditions provide additional challenges to the safe transport of patients. The lower temperatures contribute to problems such as stiffness which can make you more susceptible to strains and sprains. It's important to continue to stretch to keep the body as limber as possible when working in this situation.

Your team needs you healthy!

DISCUSSION

- Have you had an accident or near miss involving patient transfer issues?
- What problems have you encountered during the transport of a patient?
- How would you rate our current equipment used for transporting patients?
- What can improve teamwork during transport?

The greatest asset of the fire service is our people; protect them!

Copyright August 31, 2006 WHA Insurance
For additional Safety Drill material call 1-800-852-6140 PDT
Or email info@whainsurance.com
Ask for public entity safety coordinator

SS 9170