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- The first member shall be at the foot of the stretcher and control the red lift/lowering control handle at the foot of the stretcher.
- The second member shall be at the side of the stretcher and;
 - Watches for the black safety bar catching on the mounted floor hook,
 - And, announcing to the member at the foot that the safety bar has caught the hook,
 - And, guiding the legs down.
- The stretcher is not removed from ambulance unless two members are handling the stretcher.

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