

BreatheSafe® Bite Block

Instructions for use





The intended use of the **BreatheSafe Bite Block** is to prevent patients from biting down on airway tubes, thus minimising the associated risks of tube occlusion and dental damage. It also assists intubation, extubation and suctioning by holding the jaw open.

The **BreatheSafe Bite Block** is designed for use on awake patients and also on patients under general anaesthesia.

If the **BreatheSafe Bite Block** is used in conjunction with a general anaesthetic, it can be inserted either before induction of anaesthesia, after induction but before introduction of a tracheal tube or supraglottic airway, or after insertion of a tracheal tube or a supraglottic airway.

When using the **BreatheSafe Bite Block** for a gastroscopy, it should be inserted into the patient's right side of the mouth. If it is used before laryngoscopy and tracheal intubation, it should be inserted into the left side of the mouth. If it is used after the insertion of a tracheal tube or supraglottic airway, it can be inserted into either side of the mouth.

The **BreatheSafe Bite Block** is designed to be left in place until after the patient has regained consciousness.

INSERTION TECHNIQUE	
1	Ask patient to open mouth wide or, if patient is anaesthetised, pull jaw down.
2	<p>Hold the BreatheSafe Bite Block between thumb and fingers (see illustration). Insert it between the incisor teeth so that the teeth sit within the groove.</p> 
3	<p>Slide the BreatheSafe Bite Block towards the back of the mouth so that it lies between the molar teeth (as shown).</p> 
4	<p>The BreatheSafe Bite Block may be tied in position, if required, using the indents in the handle.</p> 
5	<p>The correct position is with the handle curving away from the mouth (see illustration) and the BreatheSafe Bite Block situated securely between the molars.</p> 
REMOVAL TECHNIQUE	
Simply ask the patient to open their mouth and slide out the BreatheSafe Bite Block. If the patient is asleep, pull down on the jaw and slide out the device.	

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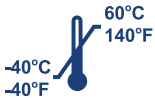





WARNINGS

- Do not use this product if the device or the sealed packaging is not intact or appears damaged.
- Do not use this device if molars appear weakened and therefore vulnerable to damage through contact with the device.
- Do not attempt to forcibly remove from patient's mouth whilst patient is biting on the device.
- This device is for use by qualified medical personnel for the intended use only.
- This device is not for use on sedated patients.
- The device is not X-ray opaque.
- Use with caution in patients with recurrent temporo-mandibular joint dislocation or dysfunction.

DISPOSAL

- Normal hospital protocol for disposal of clinical waste should be followed for disposal of this product.

In the event of any quality concerns about the product please contact us using the information below.

Key to symbols appearing on packaging for the BreatheSafe Bite Block :	
	This product meets all the appropriate provisions of the applicable EU Directives
	This product is sterile
	This product is intended for single-use application only
	This product is latex free
	Store between -40°C and +60°C
	Handle with care
	Keep in dry conditions
SIZE	Manufacturer's product size code
REF	Manufacturer's product reference number
	Manufacturer's lot number
	Product expiry date
	Please read the instructions overleaf before using the product

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