

Notice Information: Medical Devices - Advisory 12 January 2006

Part 1. Product Information

Title:	Hospital Beds in Paediatric Wards
Product Name/Type:	Hospital Beds in Paediatric Wards
Reference:	SN2006(01)
Manufacturer/Supplier:	Various
	Product Name/Type:

Part 2. Target Audience

a)	0	Hospital Managers; Clinical Directors; Risk Managers; Purchasing Managers; Nursing Managers; Paediatric Ward Sisters; Health
		Services Executive (HSE)

Part 3. Problem/Issue

a) Problem/Issue: The risk of small children becoming entrapped in the side rails of adult size hospital beds.

Part 4. Background Information

a)	Background Information:	The Irish Medicines Board (IMB) has been advised of two incidents that occurred in Europe where a child became entrapped in the side rails of adult size hospital beds. The outcome of both incidents was fatal. Following an initial investigation of this issue the IMB has established that is a possible problem that could occur in Irish hospitals.
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Part 5. Action to be taken

a)	Action to be taken:	Ensure that the appropriate staff is advised of this notice Review the current practice in your hospital and initiate the appropriate measures to reduce the likelihood of a similar incident occurring in your hospital Use appropriate sized patient beds If paediatric beds are not available for children then ensure appropriate 'risk limiting' measurers are taken e.g. the use of side guards / adequate supervision, etc Advise the IMB of the practices you have put in place in your institution
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Part 6. Enquiries

a) All enquiries should be made to:	All adverse incidents relating to a medical device should be reported to the: Irish Medicines Board Medical Devices Department Kevin O'Malley House Earlsfort Centre Earlsfort Terrace Dublin 2 If you have any enquiries, you may contact the Medical Devices Department at: Telephone: +353-1-6764971 Fax: +353-1-6344033 Email: medicaldevices@imb.ie Website: www.imb.ie SN2006(01): Hospital Beds in Paediatric Wards
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Part 7. Keywords

a) Keywords:

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