Urgent Field Safety Notice

New Lockable Carabiner &
Amended Instructions for Use for Birdie Lifters

Date: 24th February 2015
Invacare Ref: FSN 87824
Ref: 2013/009/016/401/003

Urgent Safety Information:

As a result of a small number of incidents reported to the MHRA where the spreader bar has detached from the carabiner, Invacare has introduced a new lockable carabiner. The new lockable carabiner will be fitted as standard on all new Birdie lifters manufactured from 1st March 2015.

The lockable carabiner will also be available as a spare part (service kit part number 1583279) for existing customers who have previously purchased Birdie Lifters. In addition to this, a thorough review of the instructions for use has been completed and an enhanced user manual has been produced.

Amendments to the instruction for use include –

- Intended Use statement
- Service Life statement
- Pinch Points & Positioning
- Radio Frequency Interference
- Enhanced Operating Instructions
- Detailed Lifting Instructions
- Improved Guidance for Servicing & Maintenance
- Checking the Carabiner
- Electro Magnetic Compliance
- Environmental Conditions

A copy of the amended user manual can be downloaded from Inavcare UK website.
http://www.invacare.co.uk/

Additionally, as part of Invacare's Safe Patient Handling programme, an educational video on the correct and safe use of the Invacare Birdie Mobile Hoist has been prepared and is available on-line
Safe use video

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Please ensure that the information in this notice is made available to all relevant personnel within your organisation and / or customer base, and / or any organisation where the potentially affected devices have been transferred. Please also ensure that awareness is maintained for an appropriate period.

If you have any questions relating to this bulletin, or should you require any additional information, please contact;

Technical Services Department

Tel. 01656 776333
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Invacare confirm that the relevant Competent Authorities have been informed of this Field Safety Corrective Action.

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Customer Response to Field Safety Corrective Action – FSN 87824

Action Completed – Please tick below	
Receipt of Field Safety Notice	

This is to confirm that the necessary corrective action, as documented in the Field Safety Notice, FSN 87824, dated 24/02/15, is now complete.

Please send fax-back form to the relevant Invacare office:

Customers in UK: fax number 01656 776244
Customers in Ireland: fax number 01 8107085

The serial number(s) of the repaired product(s) are as follows: **Not Applicable for this Field Action**

Action Completed

Signed……

Company……..

Contact No…….. Date…….

You have a responsibility under the Medical Device Directive to notify the manufacturer when corrective actions have been completed.

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