

FIELD SAFETY NOTICE



Safety Advisory Notice

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Attention:

All Arjo (including Mecanuids and Arjo Mecanuids) Ambulift / Ambulift Power and Ambulift Classic lifters that utilize a chair unit. *Hereafter referred to as Ambulift.*

Description:

The purpose of this Safety Advisory Notice (SAN) is to inform you that the UK Competent Authority (MHRA) has investigated a patient fatality, connected to a transfer into a bath using an Ambulift lifter. The patient slipped from the seat of the Ambulift lifter and allegedly sustained fatal injuries. This is the first reported event of this nature in the 40 year product history

Advice on Action to be taken by user:

Always ensure that a clinical assessment, to verify that the patient has a sufficient upper body strength to enable him/her to maintain a steady position on the chair and that the patient has a sufficient mental capacity to adhere to the caregivers instructions, is carried out by a qualified nurse or therapist before lifting patients with the Ambulift Lifter. To further enhance safety, a seat belt is made available. The seat belt must be fitted to the chair to enable it to be used when required by the clinical assessment. Instructions on how to fit, use and maintain the seatbelt will be provided with the belts.

Failure to perform a clinical assessment to verify that the patient has a sufficient upper body strength to enable him/her to maintain a steady position on the chair and that the patient has a sufficient mental capacity to adhere to the caregivers instructions, can lead to the patient sliding from the chair and falling to the floor; potentially resulting in serious injuries or even death.

Next Step:

A seat belt, part number CDA1400-01 will be made available on request as a chargeable item, for cost and information: refer to Contact Reference.

A letter advising customers of this Safety Advisory Notice is to be sent to the relevant customers.

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