

**Notice Information: - Advisory
22 November 2011**

Part 1. Product Information

- a) Title:
- b) Product Name/Type:
- c) Reference:
- d) Manufacturer/Supplier:

Part 2. Target Audience

- a) Target Audience:
- General public
 - Hospital CEOs
 - Risk Managers
 - Procurement Managers
 - Loan Store Managers
 - HSE Offices
 - Community Care Centres
 - Occupational Therapists
 - Community Care Managers
 - Community Therapists
 - Health Visitors
 - Carers
 - Educational Establishments

Part 3. Problem/Issue

a) Problem/Issue:

Invacare have updated their instructions for use for the Reliant Lifter 100 / 150 / 200 / 250. The operating instruction in previous revisions of the user manual may have been misleading; in particular the guidance, given in some issues, on the appropriate use of the brakes when lifting the patient was incorrect and the instructions did not make adequate reference to taking caution when moving the hoist on uneven, rough surfaces and carpeted areas.

Part 4. Background Information

a) Background Information:

Invacare would like to make users aware of correct use of the Reliant Lifter and it is recommended that the user / attendants follow the revised instructions for use and applicable warnings. All relevant information relating to this corrective action can be found in the attached field safety notice, FSN012, issued by Invacare on the 4th August 2008.

Invacare have been unsuccessful in their attempts to date to locate all devices in Ireland affected by this field safety corrective action. There are approximately 163 Reliant Lifters on the Irish market, which cannot be located.

Part 5. Action to be taken

a) Action to be taken:

The IMB advises that users:

1. Ensure the appropriate personnel are made aware of this notice.
2. Identify the location of all affected lifters.
3. If you / your institution have affected lifters, follow the manufacturer's recommendations as outlined in the attached field safety notice.

Part 6. Enquiries

- a) All enquiries should be made to:

Enquiries to the manufacturer should be addressed to:

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All adverse incidents relating to a medical device should be reported to the:

Irish Medicines Board

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Earlsfort Centre

Earlsfort Terrace

Dublin 2

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