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Reliant Lifter 100 / 150 / 200 / 250

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MANUFACTURER/SUPPLIER
Invacare Ireland Limited

TARGET GROUPS
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

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.

BACKGROUND
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.

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ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS
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.

ENQUIRIES
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:

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