

Reporting problems

Someone will contact you to arrange a home visit if a check is due. This could be a health or social care worker or equipment provider in your area.

If you have any problems using your bed levers and bed sticks, or find any damage, call your local equipment provider right away.

Contact:

Medequip, Derby & Derbyshire on

01773 604 426

Medequip, Leicestershire on

0116 216 8686

Medequip, Staffordshire on

01785 273950

Medequip, Sheffield on

0114 553 6449

British Red Cross, Nottingham on

0345 127 2911

Your supplier will collect the bed levers and bed sticks when you have finished using them.

Private supplier.....

Routine checks

A Health or Social Care professional will carry out a planned review to make sure the bed levers and bed sticks are still safe to use every 12 months, or sooner if anything changes.

The team who will check your bed levers and bed sticks regularly is:

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Contact

Telephone number

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Joint Derby and Derbyshire Health & Social Care Policy for the Safe Use of Bedrails and Bed Area Equipment in the Community 2024

Safe Use of Bed levers and bed sticks

Information for Clients,
Patients, Relatives and
Carers



This leaflet is for people who have equipment from health or social services. It is a reminder of how to use and look after the Bed levers and bed sticks provided for you.

Safe Use of Bed levers and bed sticks

A Health or Social Care worker did a risk assessment. They checked if using bed levers or a bed stick is safe and helpful to you. The reason for using bed levers or bed sticks is to help you to move in bed or help you get in and out of bed.

The person who ordered the bed levers or bed stick for you must make sure that they or another worker come to see you to;

- Check the bed levers or bed stick fitted to your bed are safe.
- Show you and your carer(s) how to safely use and check your bed levers or bed sticks.

Instructions

The person fitting your Bed levers and bed sticks will give you a copy of the manufacturer's instructions. They will also show you how to use the Bed levers and bed sticks.

You should check your Bed levers and bed sticks regularly to make sure they are safe and fit for use.

Look at all parts of the bed lever or bed stick to make sure they are working.

Check for:

- Rusting or cracks in the metal frame or joints.
- Flaking paintwork or plating.
- Missing locking handles and fixing clamps.
- Loose fixings.
- Looseness in the joints.
- Worn threads on clamps.
- Bent or distorted parts.

Keeping you safe

You should contact the person who arranged for the bed levers and bed sticks if;

- Any part of your body gets stuck in the gaps in the bed lever or bed stick.
- You think the bed levers and bed sticks are in the wrong place. Do not move or remove yourself.
- The bed that the bed levers or bed sticks are fitted to is changed.
- The mattress is replaced.
- An extra mattress is put on top of the one on the bed.
- There are any changes in your health condition.
- The bed levers and bed sticks move out of position and a gap appears between the bed lever and the side of the mattress.
- The mattress sags at the sides and there is a bigger gap between the bottom of the bed rail and squashed mattress when you sit on it.
- There has been more than 12 months since the bed levers or bed stick were last checked.