

# Medical Device Alert

Ref: MDA/2013/051 Issued: 09 July 2013 at 12:00

Device
<p>Overhead and Mobile Patient Hoists: Standard Sling Bar 450 (Spreader bar).</p> <p>Specific models numbers.</p> <p>Manufactured By Liko (A Hill-Rom Company).</p>

Problem	Action
<p>Risk of serious injury to a patient, caregiver or bystander could result from tripping or otherwise falling on to the sling bar.</p> <p>The sling hook on the end of the sling bar could pierce a body structure such as the head, shoulder, or groin.</p>	<p>Identify affected Sling Bars, see manufacturer's <a href="#">Field Safety Notice (FSN)</a>.</p> <p>Confirm receipt of the FSN and return the completed manufacturer's Response Form.</p> <p>Contact manufacturer to arrange to have sling bar safety covers fitted on affected devices.</p>
Action by	
<p>Those responsible for the use, service and maintenance of these devices.</p>	
CAS deadlines	Contact
<p>Action underway: 23 July 2013</p> <p>Action complete: 09 September 2013</p> <p><b>Note: These deadlines are for systems to be in place to retrofit all affected sling bars.</b></p>	<p><b>Manufacturer</b> Yvonne Powell Hill-Rom Tel: 01530 562167 Email: <a href="mailto:Yvonne.powell@hill-rom.com">Yvonne.powell@hill-rom.com</a></p>

## Device

### Affected Devices:

Standard Sling Bar 450, product numbers: 20090029, 20190024, 20190041, 31190015, 31290017, 31290043, 3156001, 3156003, 3156007, 3156014, 3156016, 31590043, or 5019013.

Distributed from January 1980 to November 2012 inclusive

The above sling bar product numbers may be assembled with Golvo 1000, 3000 and 7000 series lifts, Viking M, Viking L, LikoLight 100 & 125, Caroli 101 and Uno 100, 101 & 102.

## Distribution

This MDA has been sent to:

- Care Quality Commission (CQC) (headquarters) for information
- Clinical commissioning groups (CCGs)
- Health and Safety Executive
- HSC trusts in Northern Ireland (chief executives)
- Local authorities in Scotland (equipment co-ordinators)
- NHS boards and trusts in Wales (chief executives)
- NHS boards in Scotland (equipment co-ordinators)
- NHS England area teams
- NHS trusts in England (chief executives)
- OFSTED (directors of children's services) for information
- Public Health England (for information)
- Social services in England (directors)

### Onward distribution

Please bring this notice to the attention of relevant employees in your establishment.

Below is a suggested list of recipients.

### Trusts

CAS and SABS (NI) liaison officers for onward distribution to all relevant staff including:

- All wards
- Community hospitals
- Community nurses
- District nurses
- EBME departments
- Equipment libraries and stores
- Equipment stores
- Health and safety managers
- Health visitors
- In-house maintenance staff
- Maintenance staff
- Medical directors
- Medical libraries
- Moving and handling advisers
- Nursing executive directors
- Occupational health departments
- Occupational therapists
- Outpatient clinics
- Palliative care teams
- Patient transport managers
- Physiotherapists
- Purchasing managers
- Rehabilitation engineers
- Risk managers

### Social services

Liaison officers for onward distribution to all relevant staff including:

- Care at home staff
- Care management team managers
- Children's disability services
- Community care staff
- Day centres (older people, learning disabilities, mental health, physical disabilities, respite care, autistic services)

- Disability equipment stores
- Education departments for equipment held in schools
- Equipment stores
- Equipment supplies managers
- In-house domiciliary care providers (personal care services in the home)
- In-house residential care homes
- Loan store managers
- Loaned equipment store managers
- Moving and handling advisors
- Occupational health departments
- Occupational therapists
- Schools with hoists
- Transport managers

## Independent distribution

### Establishments registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) (England only)

This alert should be read by:

- Adult placement
- Care homes providing nursing care (adults)
- Care homes providing personal care (adults)
- Clinics
- Domiciliary care providers
- Further education colleges registered as care homes
- Hospices
- Hospitals in the independent sector
- Independent treatment centres
- Nursing agencies
- Private medical practitioners

### Establishments registered with OFSTED

This alert should be read by:

- Children's services
- Educational establishments with beds for children
- Residential special schools

Please note: CQC and OFSTED do not distribute these alerts. Independent healthcare providers and social care providers can sign up to receive MDAs directly from the Department of Health's Central Alerting System (CAS) by sending an email to: [safetyalerts@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:safetyalerts@dh.gsi.gov.uk) and requesting this facility.

## Contacts

### Manufacturer

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## England

If you are in England, please send enquiries about this notice to the MHRA, quoting reference number **MDA/2013/051** or **2013/005/020/291/008**

### Technical aspects

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### **Clinical aspects**

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### **How to report adverse incidents**

Please report via our website <http://www.mhra.gov.uk>  
Further information about **CAS** can be found at <https://www.cas.dh.gov.uk/Home.aspx>

## **Northern Ireland**

Alerts in Northern Ireland will continue to be distributed via the NI SABS system.  
Enquiries and adverse incident reports in Northern Ireland should be addressed to:

Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre  
Health Estates Investment Group, Room 17, Annex 6, Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate,  
Dundonald BT4 3SQ  
Tel: 02890 523 704 Fax: 02890 523 900 Email: [NIAIC@dhsspsni.gov.uk](mailto:NIAIC@dhsspsni.gov.uk)  
<http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/hea/niaic.htm>

### **How to report adverse incidents in Northern Ireland**

Please report directly to NIAIC, further information can be found on our website <http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/niaic>  
Further information about **SABS** can be found at <http://sabs.dhsspsni.gov.uk/>

## **Scotland**

Enquiries and adverse incident reports in Scotland should be addressed to:

Incident Reporting and Investigation Centre  
NHS National Services Scotland, Gyle Square, 1 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9EB  
Tel: 0131 275 7575 Fax: 0131 314 0722 Email: [nss.irc@nhs.net](mailto:nss.irc@nhs.net)  
<http://www.hfs.scot.nhs.uk/online-services/incident-reporting-and-investigation-centre-irc/>

## **Wales**

Enquiries in Wales should be addressed to:

Improving Patient Safety Team  
Medical Directorate, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ  
Tel: 029 2082 3922 Email: [Haz-Aic@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Haz-Aic@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

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