

FOI 22- 1220 - Bed Rail injuries

REQUEST

21 December 2022

I would like to know if there have been any recent reports or investigations into numbers of bed rail injuries and deaths.

I am applying under the Freedom of Information banner because I do not require names or any personal data, just numbers of reported incidents.

MHRA RESPONSE

5 January 2023

Thank you for your information request, dated 21st December 2022, where you asked for numbers of recent bed rail injuries and deaths.

I am pleased to provide you with the information requested, please see below. MHRA is also currently updating our [guidance on the safe use of bed rails](#).

From 01/12/2021 to 30/11/2022, MHRA received 16 reports of injury and 2 reports of death involving bed rails.

The data must be read together with the following explanations:

- These numbers are accurate at the time they are extracted from our database and minor changes in the numbers can occur if the reporter gives us more details later.
- A report does not necessarily represent an individual incident – people may report an incident at any time after the event and people can make multiple reports. Where possible, multiple reports for the same event are linked, however as reporters are not required to complete all fields, every duplicate cannot always be linked.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you were to remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you would have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please bear in mind that the Information Commissioner will not normally review our handling of your request unless you have first contacted us to conduct an internal review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely,

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