

Risk Assessment - Bed Rails

| Service User: _____ | Date: _____ | BED RAIL SET NO: _____ |
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| ELEMENT | Tick box | COMMENTS |
| A: SERVICE USER ASSESSMENT | | |
| Degree of risk of service user falling from their bed | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Appropriate methods of preventing this assessed | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Instances where a bed rail can increase the risk of harm | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Alternative methods of bed management assessed | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Body positioning devices instead of bed rails | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Service user is agitated or confused | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Service user needs to get out of bed during the night | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Service user has abnormally large or abnormally small head | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Service user understands that bed rails are not grab handles | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| B: SUITABILITY OF BED RAILS WITH BED & SERVICE USER | | |
| Manufacturer provides adequate instructions for use | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Manufacturer identifies contra-indications for use | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Bed rail is suitable for the bed to which it will be fitted | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Bed rail is suitable for use with bedding & mattresses | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Bed rail to be used with adult / small adult / child (?) | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Bed rail has been fitted to the bed correctly | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Spacings between rail bars are not an entrapment hazard | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Space between bottom rail bar & mattress not a hazard | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Mattress does not compress easily at edges | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Gap between headboard & end of bed rail not a hazard | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Bed rail is secure | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Mattress thickness does not require extra height rails | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Service user 's head or body cannot pass between rails | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Service user 's head or body cannot pass under lowest rail | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Rail bumper needed to reduce risk of entrapment | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Bed rails have no rough or sharp edges | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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| C: DESIGN OF BED RAILS | | |
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| Bed design is conducive to the fitting of bed rails | | |
| Rail bars not too wide apart | | |
| No large gaps between end of rails and headboard | | |
| Fittings are secure and will not move away from bed | | |
| Telescopic parts not easily moved by service user | | |
| Bed rails carry appropriate BS number or CE-mark | | |

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| D: MAINTENANCE OF BED RAIL SYSTEMS | | |
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| Each set of bed rails included in planned maintenance | | |
| Checks address adjusters & fixings for wear and tear | | |
| Checks address clamps for wear and tear | | |
| Checks address proper working of telescopic parts | | |
| Checks address material fatigue of plastic parts | | |
| Bed rail has been fitted to the bed correctly | | |
| Each set of bed rails has a unique traceability number | | |
| Each set of bed rails is inspected on a regular basis | | |
| Records are maintained of all checks and inspections | | |
| These records are subject to Quality Assurance auditing | | |

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| Signature: _____ | Date: _____ |
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