## **Agreement of Understanding - Bed handles**

It has been brought to the attention of Good News Project that many of the home bed handles/rails on the market have been recalled by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission. The recalls are due to serious entrapment and asphyxiation hazards.

### There have been deaths reported.

# We want to inform you of the risks involved with using this equipment, as we have been informed.

Good News Project includes security straps with all bed handles/rails that are loaned, and provides information as to the proper installation.

If you choose to use the bed handle, you do so at your own risk.

#### **Risk of Entrapment**

Entrapment can occur when a person is trapped by the bed rail in a position they cannot move from. This trapping can occur when the rail is not held securely against the mattress and the individual falls between the rail and the mattress, between the supports, within or under the rail.

People who want to be safe in bed should understand the risks associated with using bed rail products, take steps to ensure that they are installed and used correctly, and be aware that certain individuals should not use bed rails.

Adult portable bed rails should not be used as a restraint. They are intended to be assistive and should be used to facilitate mobility for those who need assistance getting in and out of bed or repositioning in bed.

Adult portable bed rails are not for everyone, nor every situation. Deaths and serious injuries can happen when using these products and devices. Even when adult portable bed rails are properly designed to reduce the risk of entrapment or falls, are compatible with the bed and mattress, and are used appropriately, they can present a hazard to certain individuals, particularly to people with physical limitations or altered mental status, such as dementia or delirium.

Excerpted from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

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" I have read the above information and understands the risks and hereby release and discharge Good News Project and its employees or agents from all liability, claims, demands, and actions that I may have for any injury to me that results from my use of the loaned equipment. "

(Examples of bed handles that have been recalled are on the reverse)

#### **Recalled Bed Rails (bed handles)**

#### Essential Medical Supply (brand)



#### Drive (brand)



Medline (brand)



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