

Estates and Facilities Alert



Action

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Device

**Anti-ligature curtain rails (including shower curtains):
risks from incorrect installation or modification**

Background

This Alert may contain information which may be of use to persons wishing to self harm within the Healthcare environment. In order to minimise the risk, this Alert is not available on the Public Internet, but has been distributed widely to Healthcare practitioners.

If you require a copy of the Alert and are a member a Healthcare Trust, please contact your Liaison Officer in the first instance, otherwise use the contact below specifying your contact details and the nature of your interest in this Alert.

NIAIC reserve the right to distribute this alert to organisations and persons which do not demonstrate adequate need for the information.

Contacts

Enquires should quote reference number EFA/2010/003 and be addressed to:

Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre (NIAIC)
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How to report adverse incidents

Incidents relating to medical devices, estates equipment and plant in Northern Ireland must be reported to the Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre (NIAIC) as soon as possible. Further information about reporting incidents can be found in DB(NI)2010-001; and downloadable report forms are available from the NIAIC's website (<http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/niaic>).

Alternatively, further information and printed incident report forms are available from: NIAIC at the address above.
(An answer phone service operates outside normal office hours)