

Medical Device Alert

Action

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Device

Escape 338S/SN Lite manual wheelchair manufactured by Days Healthcare Ltd.



Problem

Contrary to information in the original instructions for use, this model of wheelchair is not suitable for use as a seat in a motor vehicle. The wheelchair could fail in a vehicle impact, leading to injury of the wheelchair occupant or others.

Action by

All those involved in the provision, prescription and maintenance of these wheelchairs. In particular: wheelchair service managers, rehabilitation engineers, maintenance staff and contractors, occupational therapists and patient transport service managers.

CAS deadlines

Action underway: 19 November 2009
Action complete: 22 January 2010

Action

- Trace all Escape 338S/SN Lite wheelchairs.
- Ensure users receive copies of the latest instructions for use and that they are aware that these wheelchairs are not suitable for use as a seat in a motor vehicle.
- Consider alternative models for those who need to use their wheelchair as a seat in a motor vehicle.

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