

Medical Device Alert

Action

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Device

Birdie mobile hoists manufactured by Invacare.



Problem

The legs of the base can detach and cause the hoist to tip in use, leading to injury to the occupant or others.

Action by

All those involved in the provision and maintenance of these hoists. In particular: equipment store managers, nursing home managers, nurses, moving and handling co-ordinators, occupational therapists, care staff and maintenance staff and contractors.

Action

- Trace affected hoists.
- Check the tightness of the four screws in the leg pivot assemblies in accordance with Invacare's inspection instructions.
- Where the screws are loose, remove the hoist from use and contact Invacare for replacement base units.
- Arrange for the new base units to be fitted.

CAS deadlines

Action underway: 29 December 2009
Action complete: 15 February 2010

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