

Medical Device Alert

Action

Ref: MDA/2010/019 Issued: 09 March 2010 at 11:00

Device

All types of Oxford slings and standing harnesses manufactured by Joerns Healthcare Ltd for use with hoists and stand aids.

Problem	Action
<p>Unclear instructions for use. The MHRA has received various incident reports where occupants have been injured as a result of incorrect use or inadequate inspections of slings before use.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain copies of the revised instructions for use (IFU) from the manufacturer. • Ensure users are aware of the revised IFU and that procedures are in place to ensure that they are followed in future.
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<p>All those involved in the provision, prescription, use and maintenance of these slings and harnesses. In particular: equipment store managers, nursing home managers, nurses, moving and handling staff, occupational therapists, care staff and maintenance staff and contractors.</p>	
CAS deadlines	Contact
<p>Action underway: 16 March 2010 Action complete: 23 May 2010</p>	<p>Manufacturer Customer Services Department Joerns Healthcare Ltd</p> <p>Tel: 01384 446 622 Fax: 01384 446 601 E-mail: info@joerns.co.uk</p>

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