

Medical Device/Equipment ALERT

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For:

IMMEDIATE ACTION	
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	Section
Medical Device/Equipment: Endoscope storage facility (ESF) - AFOS Ltd.	▶ ①
Problem: The safety chain from the top cupboard of ESF cabinets may be missing. This can lead to the door dropping and causing injury.	▶ ②
Action by: Theatre or endoscopy unit managers and staff, estates or medical physics staff.	▶ ③
Action: Maintenance staff should carefully check whether the safety chain is fitted to the top cupboard door. If it is missing, contact the supplier (AFOS Ltd) to arrange for the chain to be fitted.	▶ ④
Distributed by NIAIC to: Chief Executive of each HSS Board Chief Executive of each HSS Trust Chief Executive of each Agency NIAIC Liaison Officers	▶ ⑤
Contacts Details of supplier contacts and NIAIC contacts for technical aspects.	▶ ⑥
Feedback Requirements to NIAIC None required	▶ ⑦

This Alert is on our web site: <http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/niaic>

1. DEVICE/EQUIPMENT:

Endoscope storage facility (ESF) - AFOS Ltd.

2. PROBLEM:

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3. ACTION BY:

Theatre or endoscopy unit managers and staff, estates or medical physics staff.

4. ACTION:

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5. ONWARD DISTRIBUTION TO:

Please bring this notice to the attention of all who need to know or be aware of it. This will include distribution to:

- Liaison Officers
- Risk Managers
- Health & Safety Officers/Advisors
- Clinical Governance Leads
- Device Managers
- Estates Managers
- Nurse Directors
- Independent Health and Social Care Providers – Private Hospitals and Clinics through RQIA
- Sterile Services Departments
- Operating Theatre Staff
- Day Procedure Units

6. CONTACTS:

Enquiries to the manufacturer should be addressed to:

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Enquires to NIAIC should quote reference number MDEA(NI)2006/48 and be addressed to:

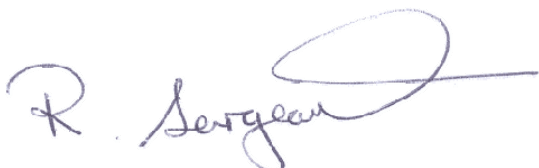
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7. FEEDBACK:



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HOW TO REPORT ADVERSE INCIDENTS

Adverse Incidents relating to medical devices, non-medical equipment, plant and buildings should be reported to NIAIC as soon as possible. Advice on how to report is given in MDEA(NI)2006/01. If you are in doubt about how to report incidents, please speak to your liaison officer or contact NIAIC using the telephone number provided. Adverse Incident reporting forms and an on-line reporting facility are available on the NIAIC website at www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/niaic

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APPENDIX TO MDEA/2006/048

AFOS ESF cabinet

