

Medical Device/Equipment ALERT

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**NORTHERN
IRELAND
ADVERSE
INCIDENT
CENTRE**

	Section
Medical Device/Equipment: Mobile Heated Food Trolley	▶ ①
Problem: Damage to electrical power plug with consequential electric shock injury.	▶ ②
Action by: This notice should be brought to the attention of all appropriate managers and staff.	▶ ③
Action: Careful and regular inspection. Adherence to manufacturers recommended daily check procedure.	▶ 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 Hospices	▶ ⑤
Contacts 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:

Mobile Heated Food Trolley – various manufacturers.

2. PROBLEM:

Damage to a plug has resulted in the earth core of the cable being detached from the plug earth pin and coming in contact with the live pin. Electric shock injury occurred.

3. ACTION BY:

This notice should be brought to the attention of all appropriate managers and staff.

4. ACTION:

- 1) Ensure plug is disconnected from power source and correctly located in trolley plug holder before moving the trolley.
- 2) Ensure cable stowage devices are properly used when the trolley is in motion.
- 3) Carry out a regular and frequent visual inspection of the plug and cable.
- 4) Arrange for the device to undergo Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) more frequently than the normal 6 month intervals.
- 5) Consider appropriate training for operators to check points 1, 2 and 3 above.

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
- Director of Facilities
- Director of Nursing
- Independent Health and Social Care Providers – Private Clinics, Residential and Nursing Homes through HSS Board R&I Units
- Ward Nursing Staff
- Domestic Staff on Wards
- Catering Departments
- Transport and Portering Staff

6. CONTACTS:

Enquires to NIAIC should quote reference number MDEA(NI)2005/63 and be addressed to:

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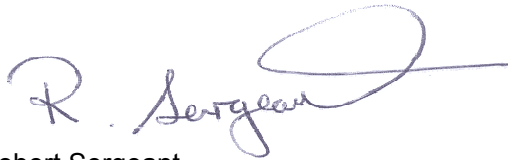
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7. FEEDBACK:

None required.



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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)2005/01. 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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