



# DEFECT & INVESTIGATION CENTRE

## FOR ACTION BY:

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HN(NI) 2000/13

Date: 27 JUNE 2000

Product	:	<b>DRAEGER 8000 INCUBATORS</b>
Manufacturer/ Supplier	:	<b>Draeger Medical</b>
Problem	:	<b>A failure in the skin temperature sensor system caused the skin temperature probe to heat up resulting in a serious burn to a neonate.</b>
Action	:	<b>Do not use skin temperature probes which connect directly to the Draeger 8000 Incubator. Only use in air temperature control mode.</b>

# HAZARD

## 1. ATTENTION CHIEF EXECUTIVES/GENERAL MANAGERS

This notice should be brought to the immediate attention of all who need to know, or be aware of it including those listed below, in accordance with local procedures, and immediate action should be taken as detailed aside:

- Medical Directors
- Nurse Executive Directors
- Directors of Midwifery
- Special Care Baby Units
- Maternity Wards
- Ambulance Services
- Supplies Officers
- Risk Managers
- Safety Liaison Officers

Boards/Trusts should ensure that if appropriate, this information is passed to **ALL** persons having the responsibility for premises registered under "THE REGISTERED HOMES (NI) ORDER 1992".



An Executive Agency of the Department of Health  
and Social Services and Public Safety

## 2. IMMEDIATE ACTION

Do not use skin temperature probes which connect directly to the Draeger 8000 incubator.

Only use in air temperature control mode.

## 3. BACKGROUND

A disposable skin temperature probe on a Draeger 8000 incubator became very hot causing a serious burn to a neonate. This was due to a fault in the incubator's skin temperature sensor system. The skin temperature sensor system is common to all Draeger 8000 series incubators with optional skin temperature module or Thermo Monitoring.

The manufacturer is investigating the incident and working on a solution to this problem. Information on upgrades for incubators in the field will be provided in due course.

## 4. ENQUIRIES

Enquiries to the manufacturer should be addressed to:

Mr Doug Sims  
Quality Manager  
Draeger Medical  
The Willows  
Mark Road  
Hemel Hempstead  
Hertfordshire  
HP2 7BW  
Tel: 01442 213542  
Fax: 01442 211110

Enquiries regarding this notice should be addressed as follows:

NORTHERN IRELAND DEFECT & INVESTIGATION CENTRE (NIDIC)  
Health Estates  
Estate Policy  
Stoney Road  
Dundonald  
Belfast BT16 1US                    *marked for the attention of Mr Brian Godfrey*

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Yours faithfully

BRIAN GODFREY  
Defect Centre Manager

### HOW TO REPORT DEFECTS

Professional Estate Letter PEL(93)36 issued by Estate Services Directorate, on 27th July 1994 advises Health and Social Services Boards, HSS Trusts and agencies how to notify HPSS about accidents with and defects in medicinal products, buildings and plant and other medical and non medical equipment and supplies.



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**Title:**

**DRAEGER 8000 INCUBATORS**

**ACTION BY:**

**(A) BOARD/TRUST**

Address/Address Stamp

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**(B) RECIPIENT** [Please return to the Issuing Authority **at (A) above**, after completed action]

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Position

Name (please print)

Address

**(C) COMMENTS ON ACTION TAKEN**