

SN (NI) 2002/17
DATE: 18 April 2002

For Attention and Action by:
Chief Executive of each HSS Trust
General Manager/Chief Executive of each HSS Board
Chief Executive of each Agency



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TITLE:
**TAUNTON ADJUSTABLE HIGH CHAIR MODEL
NUMBER 01308VD: RISK OF COLLAPSE**

MANUFACTURER/SUPPLIER
ASM Medicare

PROBLEM
Possible collapse of chair legs due to securing clip becoming dislodged.

DISTRIBUTION
This notice should be brought to the attention of all who need to know or be aware of it, including those listed below, in accordance with local procedures. This will include:

- Liaison Officers
- Risk Managers
- Directors of Nursing
- Health & Safety Officers/Advisors
- Device Managers
- Supplies Staff
- Occupational Therapists
- Physiotherapists
- General Medical Practitioners
- Professions Allied to Medicine
- Social Care Staff
- Community and Nursing Care Staff
- Residential and Nursing Homes
- Disability Service Centres
- Loan Store Managers

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

ACTION
Check to establish the type and condition of the chair locking clips and replace where necessary with the new clip design.

BACKGROUND
The Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre (NIAIC) has received several reports of chair leg collapse with the Taunton Adjustable High Chair, caused due to dislodgement of the chair leg height adjustment clips. These clips maintain the set height of the chair and the loss of a clip could result in injury to the user should the chair subsequently collapse. The manufacturer has now modified the design of the adjustment clip to reduce the risk of dislodgement.

It is recommended that chair suppliers and users should check the type of adjustment clip in use and replace where necessary. Appendix A illustrates the old and new clip design.

New clips can be obtained in the first instance by contacting your nearest Supplies Store or by contacting the manufacturer at the address provided.

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ENQUIRIES

Enquires to the manufacturer should be addressed to:

ASM Medicare
ASM Accessories Ltd
Picow Farm Industrial Estate
Runcorn,
Cheshire
WA7 4AG

Telephone: 01928 574301
Fax: 01928 575130
E-mail: sales@asmmedicare.com

Enquires to the NIAIC should quote the reference number SN(NI) 2002/17 and be addressed to:

Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre (NIAIC)
Health Estates
Estate Policy Directorate
Stoney Road
Dundonald
Belfast BT16 1US
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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 Safety Notice SN (NI) 2002/01. 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 A



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OLD STYLE CLIP



NEW STYLE CLIP



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