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RECALL OF CERTAIN BED RAILS

Dear Administrator/Provider/Superintendent:

In December 2021, the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issued recalls for three brand-specific quarter- and eighth-length bed rails that are commonly used to assist with transferring and positioning. Currently included in the recalls are models by Drive, Essential Medical Supply, and Compass Health (Carex), and additional brands may be added later. CPSC found these devices can lead to consumer injury or death due to entrapment and asphyxiation. You can find information about the recall at the links here:

- [Drive/De Vilbiss Healthcare Recall Notice \(December 6, 2021\)](#)
- [Essential Medical Supply \(December 22, 2021\)](#)
- [Compass Health Recall Notice \(December 22, 2021\)](#)
- See also [this Management Bulletin](#) from Home and Community Services, which has more detailed information

An occupational therapist/physical therapist may be able to find an alternative for transferring and positioning for those who need it.

The following rules and regulations require facilities to provide a safe environment and maintain the equipment residents use:

- Adult Family Homes: WAC [388-76-10750](#)
- Assisted Living Facilities: WAC [388-78A-2703](#)
- Enhanced Services Facilities: WAC [388-107-0310](#)
- Nursing Homes: WAC [388-97-0880](#), [388-97-2100](#); [CFR §483.90 \(d\)\(3\)](#)
- Certified Community Residential Services and Supports: WAC [388-101D-0170](#)

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact your local RCS Field Manager or RCSPolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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