

Medical Device Alert

Action

Ref: MDA/2010/085 Issued: 28 October 2010 at 15:00

Device

All Oxford Midi 150A electrical hoists manufactured by Sunrise Medical before December 2005



Problem

There is the potential for the hoist to fail during lifting resulting in serious injury to the occupant or others.

Action

- Trace all Oxford Midi 150A hoists.
- Withdraw the hoist from service and ensure that it is clearly labelled as withdrawn.
- Contact Joerns Healthcare Limited to arrange the provision of an alternative hoist.

Action by

All those involved in the maintenance and use of these hoists. In particular: equipment store managers, nursing home managers, moving and handling co-ordinators, nurses, occupational therapists, care staff, maintenance staff and contractors.

CAS deadlines

Action underway: 11 November 2010
Action complete: 30 December 2010

Contact

Manufacturer
Customer Services
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Device

All affected hoists are labelled as manufactured by Sunrise Medical Ltd. Production of this model was discontinued in December 2005. From January 2007, Joerns Healthcare Ltd took over responsibility for all Oxford hoists. Hoist colours may vary from the example on the front page.

Problem

The MHRA has received reports of incidents where the casting joining the main boom to the mast has failed suddenly during use. Joerns Healthcare issued a Field Safety Notice but the actions it contained did not remove the risk. Visual inspection of the hoist will not indicate when a casting may fail.

Joerns Healthcare has not been able to produce a retrofit kit to allow these hoists to continue to be used safely. The company has now decided that withdrawing the hoist from use and sourcing a replacement is the only safe option.

Distribution

This MDA has been sent to:

- NHS trusts in England (Chief Executives)
- HSC trusts in Northern Ireland (Chief Executives)
- NHS boards in Scotland (Chief Executives)
- NHS boards and trusts in Wales (Chief Executives)
- Primary care trusts in England (Chief Executives)
- Social services in England (Directors)

Onward distribution

Please bring this notice to the attention of relevant employees in your establishment. Below is a suggested list of recipients.

Trusts

CAS and SABS (NI) liaison officers for onward distribution to all relevant staff including:

- All wards
- Equipment store managers
- Maintenance staff and contractors
- Moving and handling co-ordinators
- Nurses
- Nursing executive directors
- Occupational therapists
- Physiotherapists
- Risk managers

Primary care trusts

CAS liaison officers for onward distribution to all relevant staff including:

- Community hospitals
- Equipment store managers
- Maintenance staff and contractors
- Moving and handling co-ordinators
- Nurses
- Occupational therapists
- Palliative care team
- Physiotherapists
- Risk managers

Social services

Liaison officers for onward distribution to all relevant staff including:

- Care at home staff
- Care management team managers
- Equipment store managers
- In-house domiciliary care providers (personal care services in the home)
- In-house residential care homes

- Maintenance staff and contractors
- Moving and handling co-ordinators
- Occupational therapists
- Risk Managers

Independent distribution

Establishments registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) (England only)

The MHRA considers this information to be important to:

- Care homes providing nursing care (adults)
- Care homes providing personal care (adults)
- Domiciliary care providers
- Further education colleges registered as care homes
- Hospices
- Hospitals in the independent sector
- Nursing agencies

Establishments registered with OFSTED

The MHRA considers this to be important to:

- Educational establishments with hoists
- Residential special schools

Please note: CQC and OFSTED do not distribute these alerts. Sign up to receive MDAs directly from the Department of Health's Central Alerting System (CAS) by sending an e-mail to: safetyalerts@dh.gsi.gov.uk and requesting this facility.

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If you are in England, please send enquiries about this notice to the MHRA, quoting reference number **MDA/2010/085** or **2010/001/013/401/006**

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How to report adverse incidents

Please report via our website <http://www.mhra.gov.uk>
Further information about CAS can be found at <https://www.cas.dh.gov.uk/Home.aspx>

Northern Ireland

Alerts in Northern Ireland will continue to be distributed via the NI SABS system.

Enquiries and adverse incident reports in Northern Ireland should be addressed to:

Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre
Health Estates Investment Group
Room 17
Annex 6
Castle Buildings
Stormont Estate
Dundonald BT4 3SQ

Tel: 02890 523 704

Fax: 02890 523 900

Email: NIAIC@dhsspsni.gov.uk

<http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/hea/niaic.htm>

How to report adverse incidents in Northern Ireland

Please report directly to NIAIC, further information can be found on our website <http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/niaic>

Further information about **SABS** can be found at <http://sabs.dhsspsni.gov.uk/>

Scotland

Enquiries and adverse incident reports in Scotland should be addressed to:

Incident Reporting and Investigation Centre
Health Facilities Scotland
NHS National Services Scotland
Gyle Square
1 South Gyle Crescent
Edinburgh EH12 9EB

Tel: 0131 275 7575

Fax: 0131 314 0722

Email: nss.irc@nhs.net

<http://www.hfs.scot.nhs.uk/online-services/incident-reporting-and-investigation-centre-irc/>

Wales

Enquiries in Wales should be addressed to:

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