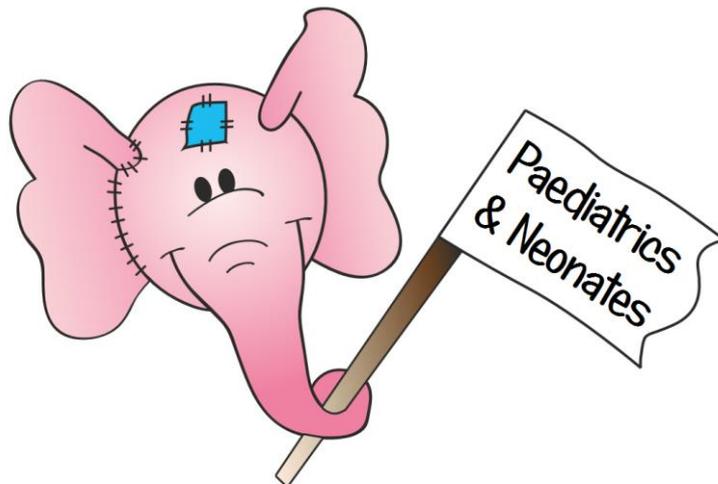


Bed rails

Children's Ward

Parent/Carer Information Leaflet



Introduction

This leaflet has been designed to give you important information about the use of bed rails in hospital. Bed rails are not always used but they might be considered necessary for the safety of your child. The information in this leaflet aims to answer some queries that you may have about this.

What are bed rails?

They are rails that are fitted to the sides of the bed and are used to prevent patients from accidentally slipping, sliding or rolling out of their bed. They are not used to prevent your child from getting out of bed. They are also sometimes called safety rails or cot sides.

What are the benefits of bed rails?

An assessment is performed by the health professional and discussed with you. We will suggest that your child has bed rails if:

- there is a high risk that your child will fall out of their bed and injure themselves.
- other means of protection are either not adequate for your child or have failed.

If you are happy for your child to have bed rails, we will ask you to give your consent. This will be recorded on the risk assessment form and placed in your child's medical records.

We will explain how to use the rails so you are confident to operate them when necessary. If your child's condition changes and it is no longer safe for them to have bed rails, this will be discussed with you by a health professional. If you feel your child no longer needs the rails, please discuss this with the nurse in charge of your child.

What are the risks of bed rails?

Bed rails are not suitable for all patients. Some children can be at a greater risk of injuring themselves if they have bed rails. For example, they can become trapped or attempt to climb over the rails.

For this reason, an assessment is carried out to assess the risks of using bed rails and the risks of not using them.

If your child has bed rails, we will always take care to position your child to prevent their legs or arms becoming trapped.

The bed rails are inspected and maintained on a regular basis.

What are the alternatives?

We will discuss alternatives with you as they will depend on your child and their medical condition.

If you have any questions or if there is anything you do not understand about this leaflet, please contact:

Children's Ward on 01384 244271

Russells Hall Hospital switchboard number: 01384 456111

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