

BED STICK & BED RAIL – FACT SHEET



STANDARD BED STICK



LAWSON BED STICK



TOWNSEND BED STICK



BED RAIL

What is a Bed Stick or Bed Rail?

A bed stick or bed rail is a metal tube part of which usually sits under the mattress and part of the tubing extending up the side of the mattress.

Uses

A bed stick or bed rail is used to roll over; to sit from a lying position and to assist with getting in and out of bed.

The aid will be installed appropriately for you by a staff member on delivery.

Precautions

- Check the bed stick or bed rail daily to ensure it has not moved out of position. Both the bed stick and the mattress may move and create a gap.
- This gap can pose a risk of trapping parts of the body and causing injury.
- If you notice that your bed stick or rail is moving out of position contact your prescriber or service coordinator.
- Contact your prescriber or service coordinator if the person using the bed stick or bed rail is falling or at risk of falling from bed
- Make sure that the bed stick or rail stays in position and does not make it difficult to get out of bed.
- Use caution if you have any existing upper limb pain or injury.

General Care and Maintenance

Notify your service provider or prescriber if you notice any of the following:

- The stick or rail frequently moving out of position
- Bowing (bending) of the tubing.

Weight Tolerance

Most equipment is weight tested to Australian Standards. If you experience significant weight gain the equipment prescribed may become unsafe. If you experience significant weight gain please contact Domiciliary Equipment Service.

YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

You should receive a quality service, delivered in a safe and competent manner. Please inform us promptly of any change in your circumstances or if you experience any problems with your equipment or service so that corrective action may be taken at an early stage.

Please take care of any equipment provided to you and let us know when you no longer require it.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES & CONTACTS

If you experience problems with your equipment and it has been hired for you by another agency, please call your service coordinator to report the problem.

Alternatively you may call **DOMICILIARY EQUIPMENT SERVICE** on

Ph: 8193 1232 or Fax: 8193 1258

For Repairs & Maintenance: Ph: 1300 130 302

Web site: www.des.domcare.sa.gov.au