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**FAQ No.:** FAQ 13

**FAQ:** Is there any Government regulation requiring that side rails must be in the up position when a patient is in a restraint in bed?

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We are not aware of any Government regulation requiring that side rails must be in the up position when a patient is in a restraint in bed. However, we are aware of the FDA Safety Alert titled "Entrapment Hazards with Hospital Bed Side Rails", dated August 21, 1995 stating; " If a protective restraint is used, follow the restraint manufacturer's instructions for proper use..."

The FDA Medical Device Reports show that most deaths and serious injuries that occur while a patient is in a restraint in bed (Posey Co. restraint or other manufactures restraint), occurs when a patient gets their legs and or buttocks off the bed. This leaves the patient hanging in the restraint, causing asphyxiation by chest compression or strangulation. Therefore to help prevent this The Posey Company states in their instructions "ALL SIDERAILS MUST BE IN THE UP POSITION WHEN USING RESTRAINTS.... "

For complete cleaning and use instructions for all Posey products, please refer to package insert instructions accompanying each product. Copies of all package insert instructions are available on the Posey website at [www.posey.com](http://www.posey.com).

We hope that this answers your questions. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call Posey Customer Service at (800) 44-Posey or (800) 447-6739.