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FAQ: Are there ANY circumstances when it is not necessary to have the side rails in the up position when a patient is in bed, in a restraint?

FDA Medical Device Reports show that most deaths and serious injuries occur when a patient is in a restraint in bed (Posey Co. restraint or other manufacturer's restraint), and is able to get 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 product instructions, **"ALL SIDERAILS MUST BE IN THE UP POSITION WHEN USING RESTRAINTS."**

These instructions are only our recommendations. There are certain limited circumstances when the side rails may not have to be in the up position. These include:

* A Qualified Medical Professional has determined that it is not possible or practical to use side rails and uses other measures to prevent the patient in a restraint in bed from getting their buttocks off the bed. In these cases, caregivers are **STRONGLY** cautioned to constantly observe the patient and be prepared to immediately intervene if the patient does get his or her legs and or buttocks off the bed.

* A patient is in a 4 or 5 point restraint and it is not possible for them to get their legs or buttocks off the bed.

*It is recommended that all side rails be in the down position when a patient is in a Posey Bed Canopy System and the zippered panels are zipped closed. See Posey Bed Canopy user manual for more information.

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.

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.