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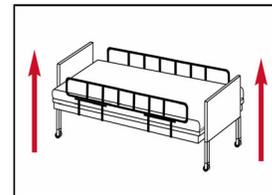
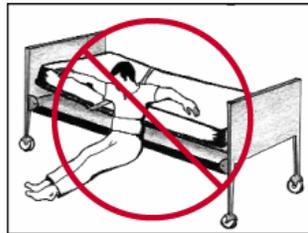
**FAQ No.:** FAQ 15

**FAQ:** Why is it necessary to have siderails up and gap protectors when a patient is wearing a restraint in bed?

Whenever restraints are used on a patient in bed, it is imperative that all of the patient's body weight be kept on top of the mattress. If the patient is able to get any part of their body weight over the side and off the top of the mattress while wearing a restraint, they may become suspended in the restraint. Their body weight, suspended in the restraint over the side of the bed may cause chest compression and suffocation.

To prevent this from happening, **all side rails must be in the UP position** to keep a patient in restraints on top of the mattress. Also, if necessary, use side rail covers, or gap protectors, especially with split side rails, to prevent the patient's buttocks, torso, limbs, or head from going under, around, through or between the side rails and suspending their body weight in the restraint.

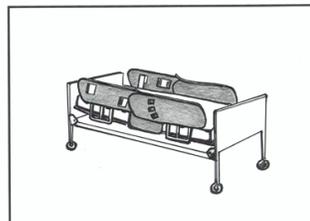
Do not use restraints in bed without **ALL** side rails in the UP position. Without side rails, patients may fall out of bed.



Do not use restraints in bed if the patient is able to go under, around through or between the siderails.



Use side rail pads and/or gap protectors if necessary to cover gaps.



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In addition to keeping the patient's weight on top of the mattress, the side rails with rail covers and/or gap protectors will help prevent entrapment of any body part in the side rail.

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.