

NOTE: Posey restraint jackets, vests, belts and limb holders are prescription devices and should NOT be used at home. See your Posey catalog or visit www.posey.com to find a wide variety of restraint alternatives. Posey restraints should only be used after a thorough patient assessment, and if there is no less restrictive alternative.

FAQ: Why are side rails required when restraints are used in bed?

Posey Vests, Jackets and Belts are designed to reduce the risk of serious injury or death to high fall-risk patients from an unassisted bed exit. HBSW* compliant side rails with the gaps filled should ALWAYS be in the UP position to prevent a restrained patient from crawling or falling off the mattress surface.

FAQ: What happens if a patient in a restraint crawls or falls off the mattress surface?

Quite simply, without proper side rails in the UP position, a patient who crawls or falls off the mattress surface may become suspended between the side of the bed and the floor. The patient's weight pulling against the restraint could restrict breathing and cause suffocation. To avoid this risk, the restraint must be properly applied and HBSW compliant side rails with the gaps filled must always be UP when the patient is unattended.

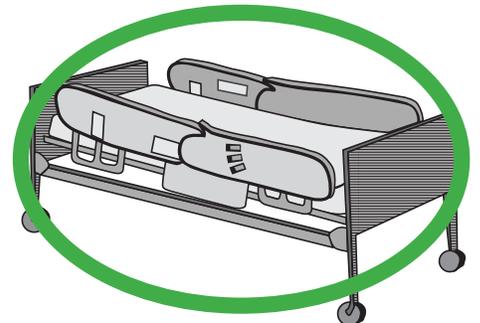


FAQ: What about partial side rails?

Partial side rails do not offer full protection because the patient may be able to go over, under, around or through a partial side rail. Serious injury or death may occur if the patient becomes entrapped in the rails, or suspended off the mattress.



Only full HBSW compliant side rails in the UP position with the gaps filled should be used with a restrained patient. Use side rail covers and gap protectors to help prevent the patient's body from going under, around, through or between the side rails. Posey offers a full range of side rail pads and/or gap protectors to cover gaps.



We hope that this answers your questions. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call Posey Customer Service at 1.800.447.6739.

*** The Hospital Bed Safety Workgroup (HBSW) is a partnership among FDA, other Federal Agencies (CMS, Consumer Product Safety Commission and the VA) national health organizations, Health Canada and the medical bed industry. See <http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/ucm072662.htm> for more information.**