

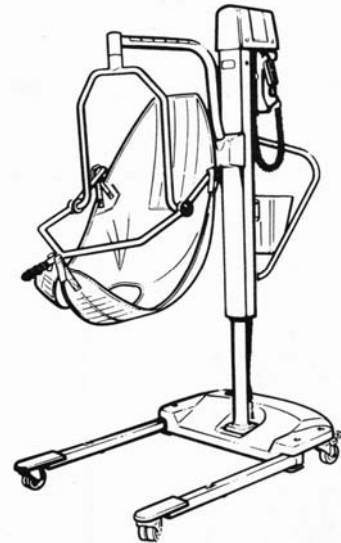
Medical Device Alert

Action

Ref: MDA/2009/059 Issued: 14 September 2009 at 14:00

Device

Arjo Maxilift patient hoists
manufactured by Arjo Med AB Ltd.



Problem

On certain designs of hoist, the hanger bar can detach from the jib during use due to corrosion and fatigue of the roll pin. This can cause the occupant to fall with subsequent serious injury or death.

Action by

All those involved in the provision, maintenance and use of these hoists. In particular, equipment store managers, nursing home managers, nurses, occupational therapists, care staff, maintenance staff and contractors.

CAS deadlines

Action underway: 28 September 2009
Action complete: 14 December 2009

Action

- Trace all Arjo Maxilift hoists.
- Inspect the hanger bar attachment to identify the type of attachment and the action required.
- Ensure that all hoists are regularly maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Contact

Manufacturer

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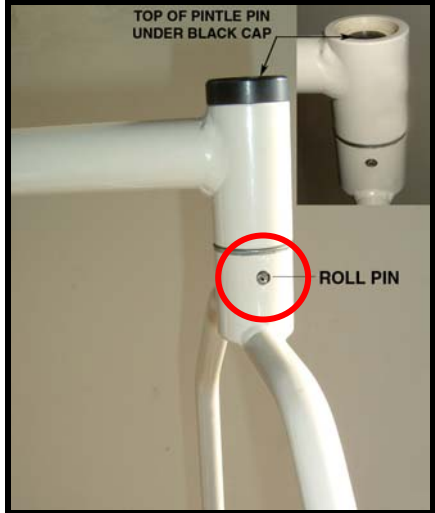


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Action

These hoists have three different designs for attaching the hanger bar. Figures 1 to 3 below show the detail of the hanger bar for identifying which hoists are affected by the problem. Unfortunately there are no serial number records or production dates available to assist in tracing the different designs

<p>Figure 1 Hanger bar with roll pin.</p> <p>This pin is subject to corrosion and fatigue. The roll pin should be replaced on an annual basis, as stipulated in the manufacturer's preventative maintenance schedule.</p> <p>For hoists of this type that have not had their roll pin changed annually, contact Arjo to arrange replacement free of charge.</p>	
<p>Figure 2 No roll pin, with castle nut and lock pin top mounting.</p> <p>Original design, which has been superseded.</p> <p>The manufacturer has recommended that hoists with this type of hanger bar should be withdrawn from use.</p>	
<p>Figure 3 No roll pin, with double lock nut top mounting.</p> <p>This design is not affected and can continue being used provided it is maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.</p> <p>Note: This hanger may be green or cream coloured.</p>	

Arjo Med AB Ltd issued a [Field Safety Notice \(FSN\)](#) in May 2009 but has not been able to trace all hoists especially where they may have been passed on to second or subsequent users.

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- Physiotherapists
- Risk managers

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- Care at home staff
- Care management team managers
- Community care staff
- In-house domiciliary care providers (personal care services in the home)
- In-house residential care homes
- Equipment store managers
- Occupational therapists

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If you are in England, please send enquiries about this notice to the MHRA, quoting reference number **MDA/2009/059** or **2009/004/016/261/001**.

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Northern Ireland Adverse Incident Centre (NIAIC)

Health Estates

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<http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/hea/niaic.htm>

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Please report directly to NIAIC, further information can be found on our website <http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/niaic>

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<http://www.hfs.scot.nhs.uk/online-services/incident-reporting-and-investigation-centre-irc/>

Previous Scottish Safety Action Notice SAN(SC) 98/24 June 1998 also refers to fig 2 design.

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