

What We Can do to Increase Safety in Bed with no Rails

- ◆ High Low Beds
- ◆ Beds low to floor and locked
- ◆ Use of falls mat
- ◆ Transfer or mobility aids
- ◆ Frequent monitoring
- ◆ Anticipate needs
- ◆ Falls monitor
- ◆ Change in staff assistance
- ◆ Transfer pole
- ◆ Trapez



peopleCare Bed Safety Program

- ◆ The program is in place for the safety and security of the residents living in our Homes.
- ◆ Evidence and research indicates the use of side rails on a bed greatly heightens the risk of a negative event for residents living in long term care.
- ◆ peopleCare will not have side rails on the resident beds unless it has been determined that the use of the side rails is for resident mobility and transfer and that the resident is cognitively alert and no other alternatives to the side rails are available.
- ◆ The resident will be assessed for bed safety and the bed system will be assessed for entrapment risk.

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A Guide to Bed Safety

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Bed Rails in Long Term Care

THE FACTS

Bed Rail Statistics



68% of entrapped residents were 70 years of age or older

Program Goal



Benefits and Risks of Bed Rails

Benefits:



Risks:



Entrapment



Most Vulnerable Population

