



Exhibitor Interactive Workshop
Monday
A 11.30 am and B 2.45 pm

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FIFTY WAYS TO LEAVE YOUR OTHER OLD HOSPITAL BEDS

This workshop will focus on ways to banish your old beds and provide information to help build credible business cases, and show how specialist bed frames in a general ward area can provide further advantages to patients and carers alike.

There are still over 5000 manual handling related injuries reported under RIDDOR to the HSE every year. Moving and handling of people is one of the highest causes of injury to carers with 38% of injuries reported in 2001/02 leading to a 3 day absence or more.

The majority of these musculo-skeletal injuries can occur when moving and handling dependent patients in any care environment. Under the Manual Handling Operations Regulation 1992, Electric Profiling Beds (EPB), are now considered to be a 'reasonably practicable control' measure for many wards and patient groups.

If specialised beds were made available to the general ward areas, further decreases in the potential injury of health care staff and patients would be evident.

With appropriate training to clearly identify safe use and practice, the provision of a specialised electric profiling bed will significantly reduce this risk of injury to the carers and maximise the benefits that will enhance the quality of life of those who use them.