

Leamington Mennonite Home  
Long Term Care

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Resident Care	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Bedrails	<b>SECTION:</b> B
<b>DATE:</b> September 1999	<b>Administrator:</b> <u>J. M.</u>	<b>POLICY:</b> 10
<b>REVISION DATES:</b> May 2013	<b>Director of Care:</b> <u>Cheryl Allick</u>	

**BEDRAILS**

**POLICY:**

To ensure resident safety, assist with prevention of resident falling out of bed and to support self positioning, bedrails will be in the upright position while in bed.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Upon admission of a resident, the Registered Staff conducting the admission determines the need for bedrails. The following criteria shall be used to determine the need for bedrails:
  - a. Resident confusion;
  - b. Resident crawling out of bed;
  - c. Resident requiring assistance with toileting;
  - d. Resident need for self-positioning with use of rail;
  - e. POA or Resident will have the choice to sign the Consent to Treatment for use of bedrails;
  - f. Residents have the right to request rails
2. The need for bedrails shall undergo ongoing multidisciplinary review throughout the quarterly and annual individual resident care conference review, or as required by a change in the resident health status.
3. Use of resident bedrails will be checked by PSW's as part of the hourly resident safety checks and shall be documented on the Daily Resident Flow Sheet
4. During the change rounds, PSW's will ensure that bedrails are in proper position and in good working order. Any defective rails shall be reported immediately to the Registered Staff. In the absence of the DONPC, the Registered Staff member will notify the Maintenance Department to repair and/or replace any defective rails immediately.
1. All mattress and rails will fit properly. If, in the event the resident could potentially wedge themselves between the mattress and rail, a rail bladder or bumper wedge will be placed there to fill the space.