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## FULL AND HALF BED RAILS

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### GENERAL SAFETY INSTRUCTION

- Bed rails can be deformed or broken if excessive side pressure is exerted on them.
  - Bed rails are used for the purpose of preventing an individual from inadvertently rolling out of bed. They are NOT intended nor may be used for restraint purposes. If an individual is capable of injuring himself/herself, a physician or a healthcare professional should be consulted for alternative means of safe restraint.
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- **DO NOT USE BED RAILS AS PUSH HANDLES WHEN MOVING THE BED.**
  - **DO NOT USE BED RAILS AS HANDHOLDS WHEN GETTING INTO OR OUT OF BED.**
  - After any adjustment, repair or service and BEFORE use, make sure all attaching hardware is tightened securely.
  - Always test to make sure that the bed rails are properly and securely in place **BEFORE** using.
  - Make certain that the distance between the rails does not exceed width of mattress. Otherwise, entrapment may occur between bed rail and mattress or bed frame.
  - Raise the bed rail to maintain the necessary height of the side rail for patient safety, keeping in mind the gap between the bottom of the side rail and the mattress.
  - Unless the rail is in the lowest position, ensure that the spring loaded knobs fully protrude through the same respective adjustment hole of each rail tube. This ensures that the rail is securely locked in position.