

# Additional Warnings and Cautions

For Hercules Pole Models SG500 & SG530

## ATTENTION!

The Consumers Product Safety Commission (CPSA), and the Food & Drug Administration (FDA), have stated that when **intended by the manufacturer to be installed on, against or adjacent to an adult bed**, a Pole will be classified as an Adult Portable Bed Rail (APBR).

## ! WARNING!

It is known that there is a risk of Entrapment when APBRs are used. Hartmobility Inc. (Hartmobility) is committed to providing our customers and users with information and education about what Entrapment is and how to avoid Entrapment when using our Products. To assist in understanding the Entrapment Risks our leaflet called Entrapment Prevention Information is included in these instructions.

Entrapment risk occurs whenever a user of an APBR can have their head, neck, chest, or other body part trapped in the space between the bed, the mattress or any other object and the APBR. Entrapment can result in serious injury and death.

Before installing or using this Product it is important to consider carefully who will be using it. The F3186-17 ASTM Standard, the CPSC, and the FDA describe users who are particularly at risk of entrapment, suffocation and strangulation as; *“People with Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, or other neurological conditions, or those who are sedated, confused, or frail.”*

If the user has been diagnosed with any of these conditions caregivers, and the installers, must understand and be aware of the Entrapment risks and take full responsibility for the correct installation and use of this Product.

If you are not technically competent to install this Product we recommend that you hire a professional installer/contractor.

The following are examples show the text of the ENTRAPMENT, STRANGULATION, SUFFOCATION AND FALL HAZARDS WARNING LABELS as defined and required by the CPSC.

## ! WARNING!

### ENTRAPMENT, STRANGULATION, SUFFOCATION AND FALL HAZARDS

Gaps in and around this product can entrap and kill. People with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia, or those who are sedated, confused, or frail, are at increased risk of entrapment and strangulation. People attempting to climb over this product are at increased risk of injury or death from falls. Always make sure this product is properly secured to bed. If product can move away from bed or mattress, it can lead to entrapment and death.

## ! WARNING!

### SUFFOCATION/STRANGULATION/ENTRAPMENT HAZARD

If product is installed incorrectly or moves from its initial position gaps can occur which can entrap and kill. People with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia, or other neurological conditions, or those who are sedated, confused, or frail, are at increased risk of entrapment, suffocation and strangulation.

**NEVER** use unless product is tight against mattress without gaps and at least 12½” from headboard and footboard.

**NEVER** use with children.

**NEVER** use on toddler, bunk, water, or inflatable beds, or on beds with mattress toppers or soft compressible pads



## ADDITIONAL WARNINGS & CAUTIONS

- a. If this/these Pole is to be used in a long term care facility, a nursing home, an assisted living center, a supported independent living facility, or any similar facility, follow all Hartmobility Inc. Warnings and Assembly and Installation Instructions **AND** the facility's installation policies for these Product(s); the Product(s) use and policies; and their facilities rules and regulations.
- b. Never use with children and children should not be allowed to play with this Pole.
- c. Never use near, against or adjacent to toddler, water, bunk, adjustable or inflatable beds.
- d. Never use this Pole without a bedframe.
- e. Do not install two of these Poles on the same side of the bed.
- f. This Pole is designed and intended to be used with Single to King sized beds that have either:
  - i. A box spring, mattress and bed base frame combination,
  - ii. A bed frame with a flat top base, and a mattress sitting on top of the base.
  - iii. A pocket base frame, with either slats or a flat base, and a correctly sized mattress sitting within the pocket frame of the base.
- g. This Pole can be used with innerspring or memory foam style mattresses from 6" to 16" thick.
- h. Do not use this Pole with mattresses that are made of a material that will increase the potential for the mattress to sag on the edges and increase the gap between the top edge of the mattress and the Pole and/or the lower Horizontal Arm.
- i. This Pole must be installed securely to the bed frame, and box spring if the bed has one, and is equipped with safety straps that will secure it. These safety straps must be used.
- j. If the safety straps provided are not properly secured, the mattress and the Pole may move into an unsafe position which increases the danger of entrapment. Follow the Assembly and Installation Instructions supplied for the correct way to install the straps.
- k. If you have any questions about the assembly, installation or use of this Pole ; or any questions about the risks associated with these using this Pole; or any other questions regarding any Hartmobility Inc. Product(s) please contact our Customer Support Help Desk at [info@hartmobility.com](mailto:info@hartmobility.com)
- l. In addition to contacting the manufacturer directly, consumers should report problems to the CPSC at its website: [SaferProducts.gov](http://SaferProducts.gov) or call 1-800-638-2772, or to the FDA at 1-800-332-1088.

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