



Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Portable Bed Rails¹

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INTRODUCTION

This consumer safety specification addresses portable bed rail incidents that were identified by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

In response to incident data supplied by the CPSC, this consumer safety specification attempts to minimize the following type of potential hazard through labeling requirements: entrapment between the portable bed rail and mattress. Entrapment of a child by the head or neck can result in asphyxiation.

This consumer safety specification is written within the current state-of-the-art of portable bed rail technology. It is intended that this specification will be updated whenever substantive information becomes available that necessitates additional requirements or justifies the revision of existing requirements.

This consumer safety specification is not intended to cover bed rails that are either blatantly misused or used in a careless manner that disregards the safety instructions in the warning statements provided with each bed rail.

1. Scope

1.1 This consumer safety specification establishes general requirements and requirements for labeling the unit, the retail package, and instructional literature.

1.2 This consumer safety specification is intended to minimize incidents to children resulting from normal use and reasonably foreseeable misuse of portable bed rails.

1.3 For the purpose of this consumer safety specification, a bed rail is a portable bed rail intended to be installed on an adult bed to prevent children from falling out of bed. These bed rails are intended for children who can get in and out of an adult bed unassisted (typically from 2 to 5 years of age.)

1.4 No bed rail as defined in 3.1.2 that is produced after the approval date of this consumer safety specification shall, either by label or other means, indicate compliance with this specification unless it conforms to all the requirements contained herein.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 3359 Test Methods for Measuring Adhesion by Tape Test²

2.2 Federal Standards:³

16 CFR Part 1303 Ban of Lead-Containing Paint and Certain Consumer Products Bearing Lead-Containing Paint

16 CFR Part 1500 Federal Hazardous Substances Act Regulations, including Sections:

1500.48 Technical Requirements for Determining a Sharp Point in Toys and Other Articles Intended for Use by Children Under 8 Years of Age

1500.49 Technical Requirements for Determining a Sharp Metal or Glass Edge in Toys and Other Articles Intended for Use by Children Under 8 Years of Age

1500.50-.53 Test Methods for Simulating Use and Abuse of Toys and Other Articles Intended for Use by Children

16 CFR Part 1501 Method for Identifying Toys and Other Articles Intended for Use by Children Under 3 Years of Age which Present Choking, Aspiration, or Ingestion Hazards Because of Small Parts

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *arm, n*—for the purpose of this specification, a device(s) attached to a bed rail that extends between the mattress and mattress foundation and is intended to secure the bed rail to the bed.

3.1.2 *bed rail, n*—a portable railing installed on the side of

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² See *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 06.01.

³ *Code of Federal Regulations*, available from U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.