

# ELEVATING BED WEDGE FOR NON-ELECTRIC HOSPITAL BEDS



## Analysis:

**Electric Hospital Beds** present a risk of self-injury to the psychiatric patient. Many psychiatric facilities have their own standards on the use of an electric bed, since suicidal patients can use the power cords as a way to cause harm to themselves and possibly to the caregiver. Limiting the number of electric beds in psychiatric facilities will help to prevent self-injury or suicide.



Electric Hospital Bed Power Cord

## Fact:

The annual report of the NCI in the United Kingdom<sup>(1)</sup> covering 2001–2011 reports a mean of 6384 suicides per annum, of which suicides by psychiatric patients (defined as having had contact with mental health services during the past year) numbered 1605 (25%). Inpatient suicides (n = 161) were 10% of psychiatric patient suicides and constituted 2.5% of all suicides in the general population.<sup>(2)</sup>

1. Appleby L, Kapur N, Shaw J, et al. The national confidential enquiry into suicide and homicide by people with mental illness: annual report [Internet] Manchester (GB): University of Manchester; 2013. [cited 2013 Dec 1].

2. Hunt IM, Windfuhr K, Swinson N, et al. Suicide amongst psychiatric in-patients who abscond from the ward: a national clinical survey. BMC Psychiatry. 2010;10(14)

## *But What Do You Do If Your Psychiatric Patient Is In Need Of ELEVATION?*

Psychiatric patients can be in need of bed elevations for many reasons, especially respiratory alignment.

### **Skil-Care™ CORPORATION** RECOMMENDATION FOR ELEVATION

## ELEVATING BED WEDGES

Comfortably elevates resident's head or feet

- Provides secure, effective positioning
- Covered in a durable wipe-clean vinyl



- Choice of three heights (10", 12" or 27")



ReOrder #	Description	Size	U/M
553031	Wedge w/Vinyl Cover - 20 Degrees	24"W x 27"L x 10"H	Ea.
553051	Wedge w/Vinyl Cover - 25 Degrees	24"W x 27"L x 12"H	Ea.
553061	Wedge w/Vinyl Cover - 45 Degrees	24"W x 27"L x 27"H	Ea.

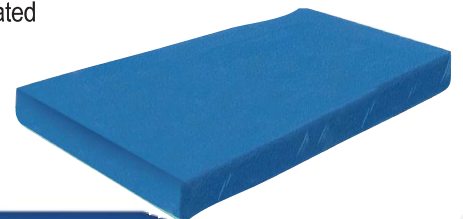
Note: Higher elevations are available by request

## Need A Mattress

## PSYCHIATRIC MATTRESS

ReOrder #	Description	Size	U/M
912310	Psych Mattress - Nylon Cover	80"L x 36"W x 6"H	Ea.
912311	Psych Mattress - Vinyl Cover	80"L x 36"W x 6"H	Ea.

The Skil-Care Premium Psychiatric dual-layer, 3-zone, 6" mattress is designed to provide pressure redistribution and comfort. The 400 individual "Support Pods" separate the mattress into three specific zones; Head, Heel and Trunk. The zipperless cover is easy to clean and water resistant and comes in either nylon or vinyl. This mattress has a five (5) year non-prorated replacement warranty.



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