

# BED HANDLES, INC. BEDSIDE ASSISTANT BED HANDLE USE, ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

THESE INSTRUCTIONS REPLACE ALL EARLIER VERSIONS

This product is designed to assist adult users while getting into and out of bed and while sitting, standing rising and rolling over. This product is not designed to keep adult users from falling out of bed.

Model **BA10W**

## **WARNING:**

### **SUFFOCATION AND STRANGULATION HAZARD**

Gaps in and around bed handle can entrap and kill. People with Alzheimer's or dementia, or those who are sedated, confused, or frail, are at increased risk of entrapment.

- ALWAYS use safety retention straps to properly secure bed handle. Incorrect installation can allow bed handle to move away from mattress, which can lead to entrapment.
- NEVER use unless bed handle is tight against mattress and at least 12½" from headboard and footboard.
- NEVER use with children less than 5 years of age.
- NEVER use on toddler, bunk, water, hospital or inflatable beds.
- Stop using immediately if damaged, broken or if parts are missing.

## **CAUTION:**

- Do not allow children to play on or with bed handles. They are an adult assistive aid.
- Each bed handle supports 175 static pounds. Excess weight can cause product failure.
- Closely monitor the user's needs assessed and reassessed as needs may change.
- Always seek advice of professionals experienced in user needs and minimizing risks.
- For additional information regarding entrapment hazards you can visit the following Internet web sites: [www.FDA.gov](http://www.FDA.gov) [www.CPSC.gov](http://www.CPSC.gov).

## **IMPORTANT! KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE!**

Read these instructions before using your bed handle. Failure to follow these instructions could result in serious injury or death.

# Installation Instructions



Figure 1. A safety retention strap, shown unbuckled

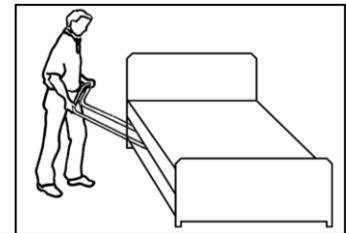
Figure 2. Safety Retention Strap shown looped on bed handle leg

Step 1



Work with one bed handle at a time. Attach a safety retention strap to each bed handle leg using the small loop, referring to Figures 1 and 2.

Step 2



Insert the bed handle between the box spring and mattress at the desired location. **WARNING!** To avoid entrapment keep bed handle at least 12 1/2" away from footboard and headboard.

Step 3



Pull the safety retention straps to the opposite side of the bed.

**Hint:** For easy installation hold the ends of the straps and guide them along the foot (or head) of the mattress until they are on the opposite side of the bed.

Step 4



Unbuckle the short strap from the long strap. Remove the buckle from the short strap.

Step 5



Wrap the short strap around your bed frame and bring both ends of the strap together.

Step 6



Slide both ends through the slot as shown.

Step 7



Slide both ends through the remaining slot as shown.

**NOTE:** There is a top and bottom to a buckle. Notice that the ribs on the center bar of the buckle are on top. When properly assembled the strap and buckle will **not** slip and loosen easily.

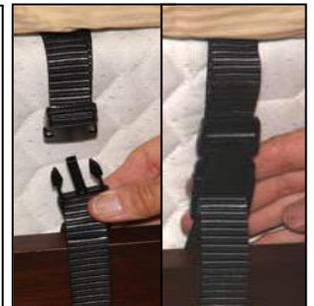
**CAUTION:** If the buckle is assembled while upside down the strap will slip. Test after assembly is complete to be sure the strap will tighten properly.

Step 8

Connect the two ends of the buckle. A “click” is felt and heard when the buckle latches. Pull on the ends of the long or short strap to tighten the bed handle against the mattress. Test for tightness by trying to pull the bed handle away from the mattress. The bed handle should not move or create a gap.

**⚠ WARNING: SUFFOCATION AND STRANGULATION HAZARD**

NEVER use bed handle without properly securing bed handle to bed. Incorrect installation can allow bed handle to move away from mattress, which can lead to entrapment and death.



Step 9

Repeat Steps 1-8 for each safety retention strap and each bed handle. Bed Handles can be on the same side or opposite sides of the bed.

**CARE AND MAINTENANCE**

- Periodically check safety retention straps to make sure they are tight, secure leaving no gaps.
- Do not use if any part is missing or damaged. Call (800) 725-6903 or visit [BedHandles.com](http://BedHandles.com) for information on how to receive replacement parts.
- To remove the bed handles from the bed release buckles by squeezing on their sides.