

# *Fall Prevention Program*

*In an effort to assist healthcare organizations in preventing CMS “Never Events”, DeRoyal has developed a Fall Prevention Kit to help staff and caregivers easily identify fall risk patients and help prevent fall injuries...*

- It is acknowledged that reducing falls among care recipients in any healthcare setting requires a multifaceted approach and is a significant challenge for many healthcare organizations. In conjunction with your facility’s policies and procedures, DeRoyal is committed to helping you reduce the risk of falls among your patients.
- Despite great strides in reduction efforts over the past several years, falls account for a significant portion of injuries among hospitalized patients, long term care residents and home care recipients.
- Patients that experience falls face more than just the immediate issues. According to the CDC, falls can result in decreased physical functioning, disability and reduced quality of life. Additionally, they can suffer from loss of confidence and fear of falling which results in depression, feelings of helplessness and social isolation.
- The morbidity, mortality and financial burdens attributed to falls in hospitals and other healthcare settings are among the most serious risk-management issues facing the healthcare industry. The total cost of all fall injuries for people age 65 or older in 1994 was \$20.2 billion. By 2020, the cost is expected to be \$32.4 billion and by 2040 it is estimated to reach \$240 billion.
- Joint Commission’s National Patient Safety Goal #9 addresses the issue of fall reduction measures and suggests that healthcare organizations regularly assess each patient’s or resident’s risk for falls. Action should be taken to reduce the likelihood of falls and reduce not just injuries, but also fatalities that result from falls.

\*Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. (2005). *Reducing the Risk of Falls in Your Health Care Organization*.

*...DeRoyal’s NEW Fall Prevention Kit offers  
you Peace of Mind by helping to prevent fall injuries.*

## KIT INCLUDES:

- **Double-Sided Slippers:** help prevent falls during transfer or ambulation
- **Fall Prevention Wristband:** allows caregivers to easily identify fall risk patients per the facility's policy
- **Fall Prevention Magnet:** placed on patient's doorframe so caregivers can easily identify fall risk patients per the facility's policy

Consider these additional DeRoyal products to help incorporate a successful fall prevention program in your facility:

- **Hip Protectors** feature thick foam padding at hip region to help absorb the impact in the event of a fall.
- **Gait Belts** allow caregivers to safely assist patients during transfer or ambulation.
- **Door "STOP" Guard** provides a recognizable "STOP" sign that reminds confused or wandering patients not to enter or exit restricted areas.
- **Roll Belts** allow patient to move side-to-side and sit up in bed and provides a reminder to call for assistance for bed exit.
- **Safety Vests** help remind patients not to exit the bed while unassisted.



# DeRoyal® Fall Prevention Kit

DeRoyal's **Fall Prevention Kits** help quickly identify fall risk patients.