Setting, Adjusting, and Discontinuing the Bed Exit Alarms



The Control Panel



The Bed Exit Alarm System has 3 modes:

High Sensitivity

Patient Position—Alarm will sound if the patient moves from the middle of the bed or raises head/shoulders off mattress.

Rarely used—only if the patient needs to lie flat and not turn side to side.



Low Sensitivity <u>Out of Bed</u>—Alarm will sound only if the patient is completely out of the bed. Should be used if the patient is able to safely sit on the side of the bed. (Then return to 'Bed Exiting' mode when the patient lies back down.)

Moderate Sensitivity

<u>Bed Exiting</u>—Alarm will sound if the patient raises up from the bed. This mode is generally used when the patient is laying in the bed.

Connecting to the Call System

 The bed MUST be plugged into the multi-pronged wall connector in order for the Bed Exit Alarm to communicate with the call system.



Setting the alarm

- Make sure the patient is on the bed. The alarm cannot be set if the bed is empty.
- Position the patient in the center of the bed.
- Press the Enable button.
- A green indicator light will light up.



Setting the alarm (cont)

- Press the appropriate Mode.
 - A green indicator light will display for the selected setting and you will hear a single beep, indicating the alarm is set.
 - If the mode light does not stay lighted OR if you hear a series of 3 beeps, the alarm is not set and must be re-set.
 - After 30 seconds, the green light on the Enable button will turn off, but the Mode light will remain lit <u>as long as</u> the alarm is on.



Silencing the Bed Exit Alarm

- Press the **Enable** button.
- Press the **Mode** button.
- This will **TURN THE ALARM OFF**, so it's very important to remember to turn the alarm back ON once the patient is settled.



No 'Hold' setting for the Bed Exit Alarm

- There is no 'Hold' setting.
- You will need to turn the alarm OFF for the patient to be out of the bed (for example to ambulate or sit in the chair).



Resuming the Bed Exit Alarm

- Upon returning to the bed, make sure the patient is properly positioned.
- Press the Enable and Mode buttons to turn the alarm back on.
- Be sure to check <u>visually</u> for the green light in the **Mode** button and <u>listen</u> for the single beep to indicate the alarm setting has resumed.



Ongoing Monitoring

 Validate the Bed Exit Alarm is functioning (visual check that the appropriate Mode button and Volume button have green lights) every time before leaving the patient's room.



Remember...

If your patient is sitting on the side of the bed (and is able to safely sit unattended), use the **Out of Bed** sensitivity mode.

Then return to the **Bed Exiting** sensitivity mode when the patient lays back down.

