



Direct Choice®
FALL MAT

Owner's Manual

Please keep and refer to this Owner's Manual.

Thank you for purchasing a Direct Choice™ Bedside Mat from Direct Supply Equipment & Furnishings®. Please read this entire guide carefully and keep it for future reference. This guide will provide you with instructions, warnings, warranty information, and other important information about your Direct Choice Bedside Mat. Share this information with your housekeeping, nursing and maintenance staff to help ensure the bedside mat is cared for properly.

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Introduction

The Centers For Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recommends surrounding beds with soft mats when bedrails cannot be used. Direct Choice bedside mats are designed to reduce the impact of a fall in the event a resident falls from bed. These mats are designed only for indoor use within close proximity to caregivers as a part of, but not a replacement for, your comprehensive care plan.


Definitions and Symbols & Important Safeguards

Definitions & Symbols

NOTE: Indicates a tip.

CAUTION: Indicates correct operating or maintenance procedures in order to prevent damage to or destruction of the equipment or other property

WARNING: Calls attention to a potential danger that requires correct procedures or practices in order to prevent personal injury.

 **WARNING:** Attention. Read the instructions.

DEVICE: Your Direct Choice™ Bedside Mat.

YOU and YOUR: The facility, community or other entity that has purchased the device.


WE, US, and OUR: Direct Supply® Manufacturing™, Inc.

Important Safeguards

Read and follow all directions and warnings before using this device.


 **WARNINGS** – General:


1. Failure to comply with all directions and warning may result in injury or death; use only as directed.
2. This product is not suitable for use with “high risk for fall” individuals. Other devices may be required.
3. Inspect the product for damage before each use and do not use it if it appears to be damaged or not functioning properly.
4. Never alter the product in any way.
5. This product is designed for indoor use only within close proximity to skilled caregivers.


 **WARNING** – This mat is designed to provide comfort and reduce the impact of a resident fall. Other equipment may be required. This may include, but is not limited to:

1. Resident monitoring devices for elopement prevention.
2. Other devices as specified by the caregiver.

THIS PRODUCT CANNOT PREVENT INJURIES TO RESIDENTS. THIS PRODUCT CANNOT PREVENT A RESIDENT FALL. When used properly, this product can lessen potential injuries by dispersing the force of impact should a resident fall out of bed.

 **WARNING** – Prior to use, always ensure the bedside mat does not pose a tripping hazard to residents or staff.

 **WARNING** – This product is intended only for use next to low- or standard-height beds to provide a softer surface than standard flooring.

 **WARNING** – Please be sure all staff members are familiar with your community's policies for working with residents where fall mats are used. In some instances, the best practice may be to temporarily move the fall mat to prevent tripping or slipping while assisting residents.

Product Description, Specifications & Directions for Use

Product Description

Direct Choice Bedside Mat

The Direct Choice Bedside Mat may be placed next to a resident's bed to help reduce the impact of a fall should a resident fall from the bed. Some bedside mats can be folded for easy removal and storage.

Specifications

COVER:	Antimicrobial Fluid Resistant Tear Resistant
FIRE RATINGS:	CA 117
FOAM CORE:	High-Density Polyurethane Foam

Directions For Use

1. If folded, unfold the bedside mat so it is flat.
2. Place the bedside mat flat on the floor, directly next to the bed, making sure it does NOT go under the bed.
3. Check to ensure the bedside mat does not pose a tripping hazard to residents or staff.
4. When not in use, store the bedside mat against a wall, in a closet or hanging from the footboard.

⚠ NOTE: Do not remove product tag, cleaning instruction tag or law tag from the fall mat. Removal of tags will void the warranty.

⚠ WARNING: This product will not prevent falls. This product will not replace good caregiving practices, including, but not limited to:

- Direct resident supervision
- Adequate care plans and training for staff personnel regarding resident diet, hydration, cleanliness, range of motion, entrapment, fall prevention and repositioning
- Inspection and testing before use

Cleaning, Maintenance & Storage

Cleaning

We recommend using the following cleaning chemicals on your bedside mat:

- Lysol® IC Quaternary Cleaner Disinfectant
- Clean Quick Broad range Sanitizer
- Q-128 Quaternary Disinfectant

Other disinfectants may cause staining or damage to the product and void the warranty. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's recommended procedures when using these chemicals (trademarks and service marks used in this section are the property of their respective owners).

Maintenance

Inspect the product for damage before each use and do not use it if it appears to be damaged or not functioning properly. When not in use, store the product out of the way and ensure it is not a tripping hazard for residents and caregivers.

Storage

When the product is stored:

1. Store the product flat. Never store the product rolled or bent, and only fold the product in the direction it was designed to fold.
2. Store in a cool, dry place. Store in areas that have temperature or humidity control.
3. Do not store near heaters or other devices that could physically damage the product.
4. Do not place objects on the product during storage.

Limited Warranty

We offer to you, as the original purchaser, a warranty for the cover and foam of your Direct Choice Bedside Mat. Our warranty applies for the limited warranty period stated below. If any product or product part listed below is defective in material or workmanship during the applicable limited warranty period, we will repair or replace it at our cost. Please note that the decision to repair or replace a product or product part will be at our discretion. Our warranty applies only if the product is properly maintained by the original purchaser for normal, indoor use and does not cover normal wear and tear, modification of the product, or damage caused by abuse, improper use, failure to maintain, use which exceeds the published product limitations, or the combination of any product with another product. In addition, our warranty does not cover fading, characteristics or natural variations in fabric, texture, colorfastness, stains, spills or exposure to chemicals, odors, heat or light. In certain cases, we may provide you repair or adjustment instructions and/or replacement parts and ask you to perform a repair or adjustment or replace a defective part.

Our warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights, which vary from state to state. Please note that our limited warranty period begins when we ship the product to you. The limited warranty period and our obligations under the warranty end once you transfer the product to someone else or at the end of the applicable limited warranty period identified below, whichever is earlier.

Product	Foam Components (Parts)	Cover (Parts)	Anticipated Usable Product Life
Non-Fold Bedside Mat	1 year	1 year	1 year
Bi-Fold Bedside Mat	1 year	1 year	1 year

Anticipated Usable Product Life is based on normal use with proper maintenance, cleaning and storage. You should still inspect, monitor and care for the product as described in this guide, as the product may need to be replaced sooner than anticipated in particular situations.

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Customer Service

Our promise to you is that you will have a convenient and easy ordering experience, receive a quality bedside mat and enjoy outrageous customer service. If you have any questions about the bedside mat you have purchased or would like to request warranty service, please contact: **Direct Supply Equipment & Furnishings**®, 1-800-634-7328, 6767 N. Industrial Road, Milwaukee, WI 53223, SalesSupport@DirectSupply.com



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