

**Bill, Jonathan**

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**From:** Bill, Jonathan  
**Sent:** 28 May 2004 10:10  
**To:** Godfrey, Brian  
**Subject:** RE: Adverse Incidents

Brian

Thanks very much...this is very helpful. Clearly deaths as a result of untoward incidents would appear to be thankfully fairly rare.

Jonathan

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Godfrey, Brian  
**Sent:** 28 May 2004 09:54  
**To:** Bill, Jonathan  
**Subject:** RE: Adverse Incidents

Jonathan

We have had two reports this year of fatalities associated with Medical Devices. These deaths were both associated with the use of bed rails in Private Nursing Homes and the investigations are ongoing. To put this in context, it is extremely rare for NIAIC to receive incident reports involving deaths to patients. From 1998 there have only been 2 other reports involving deaths, one of these was associated with issues surrounding the transport of a critically ill patient and the device failure did not contribute directly to the cause of the death. The other report was not medical device related but was as a result of an accident involving a visitor falling against a glass window resulting in critical injury.

Hope this helps.

Brian

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**From:** Bill, Jonathan  
**Sent:** 27 May 2004 17:47  
**To:** Godfrey, Brian  
**Subject:** Adverse Incidents

Brian

I attended a briefing session for Minister today on the Lucy Crawford case.

Minister has asked how many deaths are notified to the Department as being due to untoward incidents? Could you give an annual figure for NIAIC?

Sorry, I need the information by lunchtime Friday if possible.

Happy to discuss.

Jonathan

