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**To customers  
with Dräger anaesthesia machines of  
type "Cato" with attached patient monitor**

## **Important safety notice!**

**Cato anaesthesia machine with attached patient monitor, modification of trolley**

Dear Sir or Madam,

During the course of our product surveillance activities, an incident has come to our attention in which the castor of a Cato anaesthesia machine broke when the device was being moved. The device almost fell over, but was prevented from doing so by nursing staff, and no further damage was caused.

Subsequent investigation of the incident showed that the possibility of the castor fitting breaking in the same way in other devices could not be completely ruled out if the material was already slightly damaged. This would result in the device falling over, which might put at risk the patient attached to the device and/or anyone situated in the immediate vicinity of the device. To resolve this issue, Dräger Medical has decided to retrofit a different design of castor fitting to those devices concerned.

The analysis of our delivery records has revealed that you operate a device of this type. Our service organization will perform at short notice the necessary safety modification of the devices concerned, free of charge, at your premises.

The only devices requiring this modification are Cato anaesthesia machines which after May 2000 were delivered or retrofitted in the field with the modification kit "Weight", allowing additional attachment of a patient monitor. The number of such devices is extremely limited.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause, but regard this action as an essential preventive measure to increase patient safety.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your usual DrägerService partner.

With kind regards  
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