

NEW ENGLAND BUILDING COMPONENTS

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## HEALTH CARE ALERT

ABH is manufacturing a new offering of knob/levers that cannot be used to assist suicide in Health Care environments.

Standard levers were used by patients to assist two suicides in Connecticut over the past year and Health Officials are demanding a solution.

Apparently the patients tied a sheet to the lever handle on one side of the door, threw the sheet over the door and hung themselves on the opposite side of the door.

The new ABH units will not allow this to happen in the future.

Depending on the degree of security required, the ABH Asylum knob can be used on one or both sides of the door.

Please visit <http://abhmfg.com/products/hospital-latches/p-167-asylum-hospital-latch.aspx>

This hardware can be retrofitted to existing hardware mechanisms or supplied as complete units.

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