



## Surgical Patients May Suffer Serious Infections From Bair Hugger Blankets



There are many medical devices that are used to prevent disaster during surgery, including blankets that keep patients warm during procedures. While these blankets help circulate blood and prevent hypothermia, some may also increase the risk of serious infection. One of these, the Bair Hugger Forced Air Warming (FAW) device, has been known to introduce dangerous bacteria into a patient's surgical wounds. As the device circulates warm air around the patient's body, it can pick up germs from the hospital floor, instruments, and room, blowing them back to the patient and causing deep tissue infection. Find out how to take action for an [infection caused by the Bair Hugger device](#) here!

## Prepare for the Unexpected on Halloween Night



Candy, costumes, staying up late—Halloween means all things fun for small children. However, excited little ones running from house to house in the dark can quickly spell tragedy if drivers aren't paying attention. Our [Halloween safety tips](#) explore ways to plan ahead during trick-or-treating, discuss safe parking techniques, and consider the actions of excited children to help drivers prepare for the unexpected. Keep the scary stories on the TV and stay safe with our tips!

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## Keep Driving Safety in Mind as You Fall Back



You may not mind the extra hour of sleep, but the rise in car accidents that coincides with the end of daylight savings time makes many drivers wish they could turn back time. As you set your clocks back one hour on November 1, you may wish to read through the most common causes of [daylight saving-related crashes \(and how to avoid them\)](#).

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## Have "The Talk" With Your Teen Before You Hand Over the Car Keys



Parents often shy away from discussing serious topics with their children. However, the fear of an awkward moment pales in comparison to the loss of your child's life. This October 18-24, parents are encouraged to open up about the number one killer of teenagers nationwide: car accidents. During National Teen Driver Safety Week, parents can learn about the causes of teenage driver crashes and learn [what to say to their children](#) before they hand over the keys.

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