

RNIB Bump-ons and TactiPen

There is an EU Directive which means that from the end of October 2005, products receiving new marketing authorisation will be labelled in Braille. The Directive also refers to Patient Information Leaflets. However, less than 5% of sight-impaired people can read braille and other methods should be sought in providing them with safe medication information and directions.

Bump-ons are shapes that can be attached to medication containers to provide an extra indication to patients which drug it is or when it should be taken. These can be purchased from RNIB Customer Services, are available in a range of colours and shapes and only a couple of pounds a sheet. Another labelling method is the Tacti-Mark pen which produces a liquid that hardens so you can draw letters or shapes. This is also available through RNIB. You can view and purchase online from <http://shop.rnib.org.uk/> and then type in "bumpons" and "tacti mark" into the search line for the online shop.

Alternatively, telephone RNIB Customer Services on 0303 123 9999 or email Helpline.Mailbox@rnib.org.uk