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 **WARNING:** A **WARNING** indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.

Important Information—Installing the Hard-Drive Cable Kit

 **WARNING:** Before working inside your computer, read the safety information that shipped with your computer. For additional safety best practices information, see the Regulatory Compliance Homepage at www.dell.com/regulatory_compliance.

 **WARNING:** To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before removing and replacing parts on the computer.

The hard-drive cable kit prevents the hard-drive cable from getting bent or damaged, while replacing the the bottom base cover. The kit consists of a:

- hard-drive flex cable
- rubber bumper

To install the hard-drive cable kit:

- 1 Remove the bottom base cover and the battery.

 **NOTE:** For more information on removing the bottom base cover and the battery, see the *Service Manual* at support.dell.com/manuals.

- 2 Disconnect the ends of the existing hard-drive flex cable from the system board and hard-drive connectors.



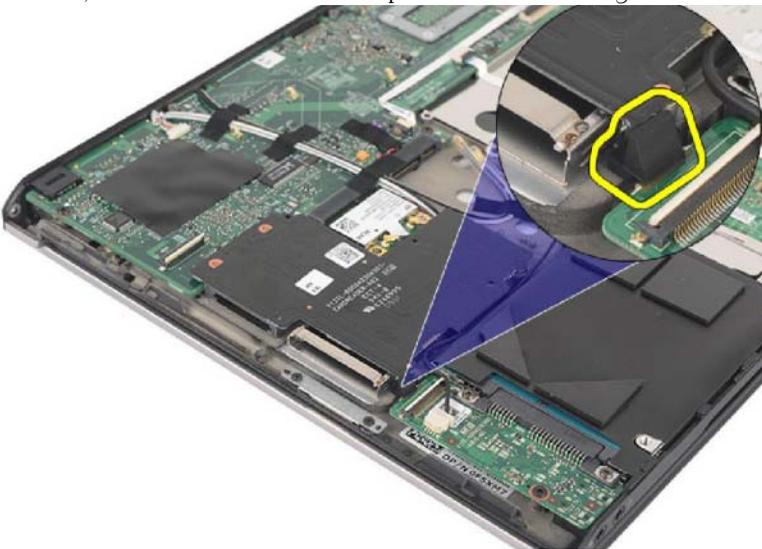
- 3 Gently peel the hard-drive flex cable away from the system board.



- 4 If installed, remove the cloth tape on the edge of the card-reader board.



- 5 Peel the double sided tape on the rubber bumper (shipped with the hard-drive cable kit) and install the rubber bumper as shown in the figure below.



 **CAUTION:** Incorrect installation of the rubber bumper may damage the hard-drive flex cable.

- 6 Gently peel the double-sided tape on the replacement hard-drive flex cable.
- 7 Connect the hard-drive flex cable end labeled HDD to the connector on the hard-drive.
- 8 Connect the other end of the hard-drive flex cable to the connector on the system board.



- 9 Press the hard-drive flex cable to ensure that the double-sided tape sticks to the edge of the card-reader board.



10 Replace the bottom base cover and the battery.



NOTE: For more information on replacing the bottom base cover and the battery, see the *Service Manual* at support.dell.com/manuals.

Removing the Hard-Drive Cable Kit

To remove the hard-drive cable kit follow the steps in reverse order.



CAUTION: While replacing the bottom base cover, do not exert pressure to avoid damaging the hard-drive flex cable.

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