

Safe Patient Handling Programs in New York State Have dramatically decreased injuries and related costs:

- Kaleida Health, two years post implementation, has experienced a 77% decrease in lost workdays.
- NYS Veterans' Home at Batavia, three years post implementation, experienced a 93% reduction in lost workdays.
- Glens Falls Hospital, five years post implementation, has experienced a 56% decrease in injuries related to patient handling. They have also experienced a 25% decrease in total workers' compensation costs and a 16% decrease in the amount per workers' compensation claim.
- As of November 2007, Geneva Living Center North has 387 days and counting without an injury after implementing a safe patient-handling program.

Benefits of Establishing Safe Patient Handling in Your Facility

Client and Health Care Employee Benefits

Safe Patient Handling uses the latest technology to assist clients with movement. The "old" method of lifting- Manual lifting- can cause clients fear, anxiety and discomfort, not to mention it increases the chance of slips, fall and drops. Clients can also develop skin tears and bruising due to manual lifting.

Safe Patient Handling Programs:

- Reduce Injuries
- Decrease Pain and Muscle Fatigue
- Decrease Lost Work Days
- Decrease Overtime
- Increase Morale
- Increase Job Satisfaction
- Improve safety and comfort
- Reduce the risk of falls, drops, skin tears and bruising
- Reduce fear and anxiety
- Give residents/ clients greater satisfaction of their care
- Makes residents/ clients more independent
- Increases dignity
- Improves urinary continence
- Makes clients more ambulatory

Facility Benefits

Healthcare Facilities also benefit from the implementation of a comprehensive Safe Patient Handling Program.

Safe Patient Handling Programs:

- Increase the Quality of Care for clients
- Improves Recruitment and Retention
- Reduces injuries to workers which reduces workers compensation claims, lost work days, overtime, and staff shortages
- Reduces injuries to patients which reduces lawsuits and negative publicity