

Safe Patient Handling Legislation A Comparison by State



State	Effective Date	Health Care Entity	SPH Committee Requirements		SPH Program Requirements	Equipment	Training	Outcome Evaluations	Incentive
			Established by:	Members					
Prevent, Inc.'s "Get a Lift!" [®] Program	12 month contract. Program will begin within 90days from receipt of signed contract.	Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Assisted Living	Healthcare Entity	Prevent, Inc will provide a list of disciplines and representation needed for an effective committee	Policy and Procedure meeting designed to customize template to facility's processes	Physical walk through with recommendation for appropriate patient handling equipment; Prevent, Inc does not sell patient handling equipment, will work with products chosen by healthcare facility.	Professional nurses provide hands on training, all units, all shifts. Goal is to train 100% of caregivers in first 3 months of program; assist in development of a sustainable training plan	Guarantee of reducing the number of patient handling injuries by 80%	Have implemented more than 600 successful programs nationwide. Enables healthcare organizations to establish a successful, comprehensive, and sustainable program that meets or exceeds all legislative requirements.
Maryland	2007 session	Hospitals	December 1, 2007	Equal representation from management and employees	Patient handling hazard assessment process, enhanced use of mechanical lifting devices, specialized lift teams, incorporating mechanical lifting devices into construction and renovation plans, develop an evaluation process to determine effectiveness of policy	No requirements stated	Training for patient care personnel	None stated	None stated