

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.
New Jersey	January 3, 2008	Covered Health Care facility - general or special hospital or nursing home licensed by the Department of Health and Senior Services, State developmental center or county psychiatric ward	Within 12 months of the effective date of this act	At least 50% members of committee shall be health care workers who are representative of different disciplines of health care worker	Within 36 months of the effective date of this act, detailed written description of program, SPH policy for all units, all shifts that minimizes unassisted patient handling, assessing and updating appropriate pt handling requirements for each patient	3 year capital plan to purchase SPH equipment and aids necessary to carry out the SPH policy; taking into account the financial constraints of the facility	Covers the id, assessment and control of pt handling risks, demonstration of skills, on paid time, at the beginning of the program, and annually, educational materials for pts and families	Annual, make revisions based on data analysis	If in violation of this act, subject to penalties as the Dept of Health and Senior Services may determine.