

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.
Rhode Island	January 7, 2007	Hospital or nursing facility	None stated	Chaired by a professional nurse or other appropriate licensed health care professional. At least half of the members of the committee shall be hourly, non-managerial employees who provide direct patient care	By July, 1, 2007 shall develop a written SPH program to prevent Musculoskeletal disorders. By July 1, 2008, SPH policy will achieve the maximum reasonable reduction of manual lifting, transferring and repositioning of all pts. Weight, except in emergency, life threatening or otherwise exceptional circumstances. Conduct a pt hazard assessment, process to id appropriate use of SPH policy based on pts physical, mental condition, choice and the availability of equipment or lift teams.	None stated	Designate and train a RN or other appropriate licensed health care professional to serve as a expert resource, and train all clinical staff on SPH policies, equipment or lift teams before implementation and at least annually or as changes occur.	Annual report to the SPH committee, to be made public, on activities related to the id, assessment, development and evaluation strategies to control risk of injury to patients, nurses and other health care workers.	None stated