

## 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!" <sup>®</sup> 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.
Washington	June 7, 2006	All Hospitals	February 1, 2007	Half must be frontline non-mangerial employees who provide direct care to patients	Policy and Procedure; Hazard Assessments, Annual performance evaluation, explore feasibility of pt handling equipment in future designs	By 1/10 must choose and acquire: 1 lift per acute care unit; OR one lift for every 10 acute care beds OR equipment for use by lift teams	Hospitals must train staff on policies, equipment and devices at least annually	None stated	Department of Labor and industries must develop rules to provide a reduced worker's compensation premium for hospital that implement a SPH Program. A Business and Occupation tax credit is established for hospitals licensed by the Dept of Health. Credit is equal to 100% cost of mechanical lifting devices, up to \$1000/bed