

Alzheimer's: Patient Poisoned By Caustic Alkali Solution Left In Facility Hallway.

A housekeeper had been using a toxic chemical solution to strip the wax from the floors in a nursing facility housing Alzheimer's patients.

The housekeeper left a paper drinking cup, one of the same cups the residents always drank from, full of the toxic solution on the handrail in a hallway.

An Alzheimer's patient woke up that morning, walked out of his room, picked up the cup and drank down all of the chemical solution in it.

The patient lingered in agony for sixteen days before he died. During the trial of the family's wrongful-death lawsuit in the County Court at Law, Dallas County, Texas the jury heard testimony that the caustic alkali solution caused liquefaction necrosis of his internal tissues, a horribly painful manner of death even with heavy doses of morphine and other analgesics.

The jury returned a verdict in excess of \$3,000,000 to the family for negligence for the patient's pain and suffering in his final days. **Willis v. CC Young Memorial Home, 2010 WL 2635934 (County Ct. at Law, Dallas Co., Texas, May 7, 2010).**