

Bed Rail Entrapment Hazard: Penalty Upheld.

The US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit upheld a civil monetary penalty imposed on a long-term care facility for violation of Federal standards.

According to the court record, the facility raised the half side rails on a resident's bed without adequately assessing the risk of entrapment, failed to investigate and report a resident's injury, allowed a resident to develop an avoidable pressure sore and failed to promote healing of the pressure sore and failed to provide incontinence care to two residents. Tri-County Extended Care Center v. Leavitt, 2005 WL 3429438 (6th Cir., December 14, 2005).