

Faulty Transfer: Nursing Home Pays Settlement To Patient.

The sixty-five year-old nursing home patient was unable to stand and could not bear her own weight.

The patient was assessed as requiring two persons to transfer her. A sign was posted above her bed to alert staff that two-person transfer was mandatory.

One nurse alone tried to move her and dropped her on the floor, resulting in an ankle fracture.

The fracture required surgery. The surgery marked the beginning a slow decline in the patient's health which led to her death eight months later.

The nursing home paid the family \$200,000 to settle their lawsuit filed in the Superior Court, Pierce County, Washington. **Pock v. Georgian Rehabilitation House, 2007 WL 4616733 (Sup. Ct. Pierce Co., Washington, July 18, 2007).**