

Hoyer Lift: Staff Were Not Trained.

The nursing facility reportedly had had problems with patients falling or being dropped during Hoyer lift transfers due to some staff members being unaware of how properly to secure patients in the sling before maneuvering them.

These incidents apparently did not lead to any steps being taken to provide in-service training to update the aides' skills prior to an eighty-two year-old patient being dropped in a transfer from one bed to another, resulting in a femur fracture.

The patient's lawsuit in the Court of Common Pleas, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania settled for \$310,000. **Marinock v. Manor at St. Luke's, 2010 WL 3233125 (Ct. Com Pl. Luzerne Co., Pennsylvania, January 29, 2010).**