

Patient Falls: Two-Person Lift Not Performed.

The New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, upheld a negligence lawsuit against the nursing home where a patient fell and broke her femur. The patient had been classified as a high fall risk due to mobility and balance problems, a history of stroke and Parkinson's.

The treatment booklet maintained for the benefit of the nurse's aides specifically stated that this patient was only to be moved by two persons and/or a lifter, but one aide alone unsuccessfully tried to transfer her from her bed to a wheelchair. **Giandana v. Providence Rest Home, 815 N.Y.S. 2d 526 (N.Y. App., May 30, 2006).**