

Safe Patient Handling Legislation A Comparison by State



State	Effective Date	Health Care Entity	SPH Committee Requirements		SPH Program Requirements	Equipment	Training	Outcome Evaluations	Incentive
			Established by:	Members					
Prevent, Inc.'s "Get a Lift!"® Program	12 month contract. Program will begin within 90days from receipt of signed contract.	Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Assisted Living	Healthcare Entity	Prevent, Inc will provide a list of disciplines and representation needed for an effective committee	Policy and Procedure meeting designed to customize template to facility's processes	Physical walk through with recommendation for appropriate patient handling equipment; Prevent, Inc does not sell patient handling equipment, will work with products chosen by healthcare facility.	Professional nurses provide hands on training, all units, all shifts. Goal is to train 100% of caregivers in first 3 months of program; assist in development of a sustainable training plan	Guarantee of reducing the number of patient handling injuries by 80%	Have implemented more than 600 successful programs nationwide. Enables healthcare organizations to establish a successful, comprehensive, and sustainable program that meets or exceeds all legislative requirements.
Texas	January 1, 2006	Hospitals and Nursing Homes	January 1, 2006	None stated	Policy to identify, assess and develop methods of controlling the risk of injury to patients and nurses associated with lifting, transferring, repositioning and movement of patients; evaluations of alternative methods from manual handling to reduce the risk of injury from patient lifting, including equipment and patient care environment, manual handling of all or most of a patient's weight to emergency, life-threatening or exceptional circumstances and provision for refusal to perform patient handling tasks believe to involve unacceptable risks of injury to a patient or nurse.	None stated	None stated	None stated	None stated