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## Nursing Homes Have a Responsibility to Prevent Patient Bedsores

Nursing home staff members are responsible for the care and safety of their patients, and this includes ensuring that residents do not suffer bedsores during their stay. Bedsores happen when a certain area of the body experiences heavy pressure, squeezing, or force, and blood flow and oxygen are restricted from reaching that area. If this happens, an open sore can develop, and if left untreated, critical infections and complications can occur, including sepsis and cellulitis. [Learn more about nursing home neglect and staff responsibilities for preventing patient bedsores.](#)

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## Nursing Home Neglect: Is Your Loved One Suffering From Dehydration?

One of the most common forms of nursing home neglect is patient dehydration—a condition that occurs when the body dispels more body fluids than is taken in. Dehydration is a type of neglect that can occur because of insufficient supervision by staff members, limited training of staff, and the high level of turnover seen in senior care assistant positions. When a patient becomes dehydrated, it can cause serious health complications that may become life-threatening. [Learn more about nursing home abuse and dehydration in patients.](#)

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## Over 1,700 Nursing Home Residents Die Every Year Due to Falling

Some patients in nursing homes fall because of medical conditions and because they take certain medications. However, they may also fall due to nursing home neglect. There are a variety of reasons patients may fall in a nursing home, including wet floors, incorrect bed height, and improper lighting. Additionally, nursing home staff may not respond to a call for help immediately, a patient's wheelchair or cane may be broken, or there may be a lack of overall supervision of patients. [Learn more about patient falls in nursing homes.](#)

