

## Types Of Nursing Home Abuse

Nursing home abuse can come about in many different forms and is more common than people think or wish to believe. To see whether you may be witnessing a case of nursing home abuse, you first need to know what signs to look for. If the signs are there you should contact the attorneys at Jack Bernstein & Associates as soon as possible to stop the abuse and make appropriate damage claims.

The more physical forms of nursing home abuse can include but are not limited to the following:

- Bedsores or pressure sores: these are sores caused by the individual being in one position too long and not being moved or rotated by the staff at hand. These sores can become infected and result in gangrene which may result in amputation, or result in a blood infection that can spread throughout the body. The first sign of these sores is the skin becoming red, irritated and tender.
- Another form of nursing home abuse and neglect is malnutrition and dehydration, some individuals are unable to care for themselves due to a disability and will need the nursing staff within the nursing home to keep them nourished and hydrated, prolonged lack of either of these can result in death.
- Some individuals can also contract what is known as aspiration pneumonia, aspiration pneumonia is the result of food entering the windpipe and winding up in the lungs, this can happen to individuals who have trouble swallowing and eating, the best way to prevent this is to monitor these individuals as they eat and have them in an upward sitting position if possible. Cases of aspiration pneumonia frequently end in death yet it can be easily prevented.
- Urinary tract infections can also be a major problem among the elderly and handicapped individuals, this mainly affects those individuals who are unable to move themselves or verbalize their discomfort. The individual can spend prolonged amounts of time in urine or feces soaked clothing before a staff member may notice, this can result in bacteria reaching its way into the individual's urethra and causing an infection. As with other infections this can also in time enter the bloodstream and cause major medical problems.
- Other issues that can arise from nursing home abuse are harder to notice, such as small fractures in the bones due to a fall; these can go unnoticed and untreated which may lead to further medical problems.

Most, if not all of the issues mentioned above are easily or simply treated or prevented by the medical staff taking good care of those under their watch. If you or a loved one are residing in a nursing home under medical care and feel that you or your loved one has suffered any form of abuse by the staff, be it physical, or emotional abuse, or you feel you or a loved one are being neglected by the staff please feel free to contact our attorneys to discuss your complaint. Our attorneys will advise you on the best course of action to help you get the care and treatment you deserve. Our law firm has individual attorneys who have dealt with cases such as this can also help you to find a better, more comfortable nursing home to reside in if you feel you can't stay within your current place.

Contact the experienced Nevada elder abuse attorneys in our office today for prompt attention to your case.