



**OHIO NURSING HOME QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**Ohio Nursing Home IF (Injury-Free) Movement**

**Safety Equipment**

**Before You Purchase**

Purchasing safety equipment for a facility does not necessarily assure that a facility will become a safer place to work or live.

The following components are necessary in order to satisfy this Nursing Home Quality Initiative:

- Review and evaluate injuries and costs
- Utilize the IF Team to discuss and create a NO-LIFT policy
- Evaluate and select equipment
- Resident/Family notification of new policy
- Obtain equipment
- Training to staff
- Resident assessments
- Enforcement of new NO-LIFT policy
- On-going evaluations of policy

**Purchasing**

A facility is able to purchase new safety and lift equipment on their own, at the facility's own expense.

*Obtaining Approval from Owner/Corporation*

- Present injury/cost data to owner
- Estimate a ballpark amount for buying lift equipment
- Identify other anticipated results
  - Reduction of resident and staff injuries
  - Lessening of fines and claims against the facility
  - Reduced employee turn-over, better morale
  - Increased admissions from improved care

### *Requirements for Applying For a BWC Grant*

- Must pay an insurance premium to BWC
- Maintain active coverage
- Current on all monies owed to BWC
- Demonstrate a need for safety
- Must be willing to allow safety and hygiene consultants to conduct safety assessment
- Must be willing to provide BWC access to information in order to have effectiveness measured
- Must be willing to provide a case study 1 year after intervention
  - Cost benefit information
  - Pictures
  - Videos

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### **Requirements for Fulfilling NHQI:**

Facilities are encouraged to utilize one self-assessment to measure pre and post results. (Refer to self-assessments and measures)

*\*Minutes of IF Team showing work on a no-lift policy and the actual purchasing of no less than (1) new piece of lift equipment will need to be made available to the Ohio Department of Health upon request in order to meet regulatory requirements*