



Post Falls Management
Factsheet

1. Across the globe, falls are one of the most critical health concerns with an estimated 646,000 fatal falls occurring each year.

2. For every fatal fall there are;

Number Of Cases	Injury/Treatment Required
4	Permanent Disability
13	Hospitalisation For More Than 10 Days
24	Hospitalisation For 1-9 Days
690	Time Off Work Or School

3. A delayed initial recovery is when a faller remains on the floor for between 10 – 59 minutes.

4. A long lie is when the faller remains on the floor for 60+ minutes.

5. In the absence of one national legislative document it is left to the individual states to provide guidance to their clinicians and caregivers.

6. After investing \$800,000 in a safe lifting program, Stanford University Medical Center saw a five-year net savings of \$2.2 million. Roughly half of the savings came from workers' compensation, and half from reducing pressure ulcers in patients

7. The Veterans Health Administration Patient Safety Center introduced safe handling programs in 23 high-risk units and cost-benefit analysis showed a net saving of \$200,000 per year.

8. After creating a culture of safe patient handling, Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, a 520-bed acute care teaching hospital in New Jersey, reported that it met and exceeded its return on investment goal of 155 percent within 30 months

9. Without investment in appropriate post-fall equipment or training we continue to accept the physical and psychological impact of falls on the most vulnerable.

10. Equipment such as the Mangar ELK and Camel then allow caregivers to move the person from the floor with no physical lifting, maximising their recovery and removing risk to the car-

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