

## Hoyer Lift: Patient Dropped.

A lawsuit in the Circuit Court, Cook County, Illinois resulted in a \$350,000 jury verdict for a disabled nursing home patient dropped from a Hoyer lift.

The staff member trying to move the patient apparently was not trained how to use the device and failed to get help, or just did not know enough to get some help.

The patient was too severely disabled to communicate effectively how it happened, but the jury apparently did not need to hear from her to rule in her favor. **Shelly v. Bethshan**, 2007 WL 4374509 (Cir. Ct. Cook Co., Illinois, October 18, 2007).