



# The Facts: safe Patient HANDLING & MOBILITY

The healthcare industry is beginning to accept the reality that manually lifting patients is a high-risk activity for both healthcare worker and patient. Research supports using equipment for not only safety, but faster patient recovery.



**23,000**

lost-time cases of work-related pain are reported yearly in healthcare.<sup>1</sup>

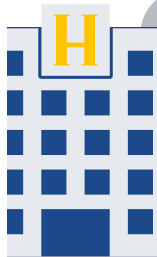
**↑44%**

of cases are from healthcare support occupations such as nurses & aids.<sup>1</sup>



## Safe Patient Handling Programs

have shown success in decreasing incidence of injury for both nurses and patients.<sup>2</sup>



**\$45-\$54 billion**

Annual impact of work-related MSDs<sup>3</sup>



## According to OSHA<sup>4</sup>...



Manual lifting techniques alone are not effective in reducing staff or patient injury.



Patients feel more comfortable and secure when a mechanical device is used.

Patient handling equipment & devices can help prevent patient falls, bruises and skin tears.



Investment in SPH policies and equipment can be recovered in 2 to 5 years.



**11 states**

have enacted safe patient handling laws, and more SPH legislation has been introduced at the federal and state levels.<sup>5</sup>



For more information on Safe Patient Handling and Mobility solutions, visit: [www.biomed.com/sphm](http://www.biomed.com/sphm)

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