

# The Link Between Wrongful Death and Nursing Home Neglect

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Sometimes, the cause of someone losing their life in a nursing home is neglect rather than outright abuse. There are reasons why you should be concerned about this, particularly if your loved one suffers from particular conditions.

## **Mental Impairment**

Age, unfortunately, tends to bring it with the degradation of the mind and that sometimes results in very serious conditions. Dementia, Alzheimer's disease and other conditions are suffered by millions of people around the world. In nursing home environments, some of the symptoms of these disorders can encourage nursing home personnel who aren't dedicated enough to their jobs to neglect patients.

Patients with these conditions can be angry, loud, demanding and very confused at times. If the nursing home doesn't have very skilled staff, the staff may be vexed by this behavior and choose to leave these patients alone most of the time. This can be extremely dangerous. Because these patients aren't really capable of taking care of themselves, they may not clean themselves up as much as they require, resulting in infections and other issues. They may also get inadequate nutrition, which can be fatal for some patients.

## **Isolation**

Some nursing homes simply do not give adequate care to any of their patients. This may mean leaving them to languish in bed without turning them frequently enough, which can result in fatal bedsores. It also may mean that those persons don't get adequate socialization, which can make mental conditions worse and which can have a huge impact on the resident's quality of life. Of course, no one wants to go to a nursing home, but there's no reason that living in a nursing home should be a miserable experience. Good nursing homes provide plenty of care, plenty of socialization and a lot of ways that even very infirm individuals can exercise and increase their levels of comfort.

## **Finding Help**

[Wrongful death and nursing home neglect](#) are valid reasons to sue. If your loved one was neglected to the point where they suffered ill effects on their health, an attorney may be able to win you compensation from a jury award or a settlement from the nursing home owners. There's no reason why anyone should endure undue suffering in a nursing home facility, especially when they checked in with the reasonable expectation that they would be provided with compassionate, attentive and competent care for their condition in a healthy environment.

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