

## Nursing Industry Presses for Safe Patient Handling Legislation

### ABC News report shows years of lifting takes toll

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics<sup>1</sup>, nurses, orderlies and attendants suffer more musculoskeletal injuries than people in any other profession, including firefighters.

Indeed, a recent report by ABCNews.com<sup>2</sup> reveals the dangers and high risk of injury and chronic pain nurses face after years of lifting heavy patients and equipment. Consider, too, that patients are getting heavier. As a result, many nurses are forced to retire, adding crisis-level concern to the already existing shortage of nurses.

The ABCNews.com story explains that the American Nurses Association is pressing for federal laws mandating protective nationwide standards. There's also a reported need for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to develop standards for nurses and to perform more safety inspections. To be fair, some hospitals—and states—have led the way and implemented no-lift laws and practices, including California, which enacted a safe-patient-handling bill in 2011.

***"We're losing skilled folks to back injuries and other musculoskeletal injuries, that's a problem," said Suzy Harrington, the safety and wellness director at the American Nurses Association. "We need a whole paradigm shift toward a true culture of safety."***

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<sup>1</sup> United States. Bureau of Labor Statistics. *Nonfatal Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Requiring Days Away From Work*, 2011. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Labor, 2012. Web.

<sup>2</sup> Lupkin, Sydney. ABC News. *Nurses Prone to Injuries With Heavier Patients*, 2013. ABC News Internet Ventures, 2013. Web.



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