



Data Points Relating to Falls

1. During the survey process, inadequate attention to residents at risk for falls is cited under F323 “Accidents and Supervision”.
2. Nationally, F-323 is cited in 36.6% of surveys, and is the #1 (most common) citation in the nation.
3. In Minnesota F-323 is the 5th most common citation, issued in 47.7% of surveys.
4. In the most recent 67 MN survey reports that included a F-323 citation, 67% of the Minnesota F-323 citations were based, at least in part, on a falls-related issue. Thirty-three percent were cited based on findings unrelated to falls (side rail safety issues, dangerous chemicals accessible to confused residents, and unsafe smoking were the most common reasons for this deficiency when falls were not the reason for the deficiency).
5. CMS issued new Surveyor Guidance regarding F-323 and falls on July 6th, 2007. MDH began surveying on the new guidance in October 2007. This new guidance has placed a heightened survey emphasis on the subject of resident falls.
6. The following data, which comes from June 2009 MDH OHFC Report to the Legislature, shows how much facilities have increased their self-reporting of falls, particularly in light of the new online reporting system implemented in Spring 2008. Note also how different hospitals self report falls, as a result of a very different definition utilized in the “never events” hospital reporting system. Hospitals must only report falls that result in “Patient death or serious disability associated with a fall while being cared for in a facility.”

Reporting of Falls

Facility Reported Incidents	FY06	FY07	FY08
Nursing Home	3176	2769	4376
Hospital	131	117	93
Home Health	319	384	554
Other Licensed Entities	49	54	484
** Total Facility Reported Incidents Received	3675	3324	5507

Nursing Home Allegations from Complaints (Comp) and Facility Reported (FRI) Incidents FY06, FY07, FY08

FY 2006		FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2008
Allegations : Neglect	Comp	FRI	Comp	FRI	Comp	FRI
General Health Care	385	318	338	223	318	361
Falls	49	766	64	751	59	1174
Medications	52	101	80	119	35	218
Decubiti	21	0	26	3	10	3
Dehydration	3	0	5	9	3	0
Nutrition	10	2	7	3	0	1
Neglect, Failure to notify MD	3	1	2	0	1	0
Neglect of Supervision	28	413	35	363	33	1088
Failure to Report	--	--	--	--	2	0
Entrapment	--	--	--	--	0	2

Hospital Allegations from Complaints / Facility Reported Incidents FY06, FY07, FY08

FY 2006		FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2008
Allegations : Neglect	Comp	FRI	Comp	FRI	Comp	FRI
General Health Care	57	5	36	7	32	3
Falls	6	1	6	4	2	7
Medications	6	3	13	0	6	0
Decubiti	11	1	10	1	1	0
Dehydration	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nutrition	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neglect, Failure to notify MD	0	0	0	0	1	0
Neglect of Supervision	10	67	6	68	9	56

Source: June 2009 MDH OHFC Report to the Legislature