

Bed Sore FAQs

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FROM A NURSING HOME LAWYER

How long do I have to file a bed sore lawsuit?

The answer depends on where the incident took place and where the proper venue for bringing the lawsuit is. The time to bring a lawsuit against a facility for developing bed sores is governed by the statute of limitations of the particular jurisdiction. Most states have specific statute of limitations for personal injury, medical malpractice cases, and nursing home negligence cases.

The statute of limitations can vary tremendously by jurisdiction. Some states have statute of limitations as short as one year from the date of the injury and other states permit a cause of action to be brought up to eight years from the date of the injury. Yet in other states, there are notice requirements that must be complied with in order to maximize damages or recovery attorney fees.

Statute of limitations are strictly interpreted. If you fail to bring a lawsuit within the statute of limitations you will be forever barred from recovery.

This underlies the importance of [contacting an experienced attorney](#) shortly after you become aware of bed sores. Further, in many situations it is important to file a lawsuit far earlier than the statute of limitations in order to determine all of potentially responsible parties who may not be apparent until litigation is underway.