

# Jonathan Rosenfeld's Nursing Homes Abuse Blog

## The Less-Wrinkled Faces May Be Younger In The Nursing Home, But Still Require Care

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Most people associate elderly folks with nursing homes. After all, more than 99% of nursing home patients are over 65. Younger people are an ever increasing group that continues to expand dramatically every year.

The Washington Post had an [article](#) "More young people are winding up in nursing homes" which detailed some of the issues encountered by young people living in an environment that was likely never intended to serve them.

Traumatic injuries, such as auto accidents or shootings, continue to be the major reason why young people find themselves living in nursing homes. The Post article detailed several nursing home patients in their twenties and how both the individual and facility need to make accommodations to improve physical and psychological well-being.

In fact, many of the younger nursing home patients require more assistance than their peers due to the fact that many of them are paraplegic or quadriplegic. As a personal injury lawyer who has represented children and young-adults in nursing homes and other medical facilities, I tend to see some staff wrongfully assume that many of these patients are able to care for themselves.

The fact remains that while nursing homes can and should make all reasonable accommodations to improve the happiness of the younger patients, they can

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not forget the real reason they are at the facility is because they require medical attention.

Regardless of their age, all people with compromised mobility are at very much at the mercy of the facility staff to properly care for them. When staff fail to recognize the potential problems encountered by these people, the risk of injury remains high. Staff need to remember that even the younger--- and healthier looking patients need to be tended to in order to avoid:

- Medical complications
- Circulatory problems
- Bed sores or pressure sores
- Falls
- Clogged breathing and feeding tubes

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