

Jonathan Rosenfeld's Nursing Homes Abuse Blog

Teenage Nursing Home Visitor Suspected Of Raping Patient

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Protecting nursing home patients seems like an obvious responsibility of nursing homes, yet too often facilities are lax when it comes to regulating the visitors who come-and-go freely at many facilities. Of course its nice to simply see new faces at the facility-- but there needs to be some method of accounting for who enters and leaves the facility.

On the topic of nursing home visitors, I was sickened by a news report of and 18-year-old man who allegedly raped an elderly female patient at Woods Nursing Home in Tennessee. Apparently, the man was at the facility to visit another patient.



Certainly, stories such as this obviously cause everyone to reconsider the safety of their nursing home patients everywhere. Though the police investigation into this matter is underway, I wonder what-- if anything the facility could have done to prevent this crime from occurring on their property?

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When it comes to accepting visitors to their facility, nursing homes should have some type of system to account for who the visitor is, what patient they are there to visit and the times the visitor enters and leaves the facility.

In my practice as a nursing home lawyer, I tend to see a disproportionate number of criminal acts perpetrated by visitors at facilities with an unstructured visitor policy or who seemingly allow anyone to come and go at their leisure. Would we allow such a cavalier security in our homes? Shouldn't we expect more control at skilled nursing facilities and residence homes that house vulnerable people?

Read more about this suspected nursing home rape [here](#).

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