

## Jonathan Rosenfeld's Nursing Homes Abuse Blog

## Nursing Home Injury Laws: Illinois

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Hard to believe, but since we initiated Nursing Home Injury Laws last year, we have helped many families get the resources they need following an injury or death of a loved one in a nursing home or medical facility.

Nursing Home Injury Laws, has links and resources related to some of the most commonly encountered nursing home injuries including: medication errors, falls, elopement, sexual abuse and bed sores.

Though many nursing home injury cases involve similar fact patterns, the cases need to be evaluated on an individualized basis, due to the individual state's laws. Over the next few weeks I will focus on the state of nursing home care within specific states as well as the applicable state laws.

As with all state and federal laws, the laws can change rapidly as lawmakers continually tinker with the system. Therefore, I strongly urge you to consult with a nursing home lawyer, to discuss your legal options before taking any legal action.

## Illinois

**Number of Nursing Homes:** 783

Statute Of Limitations: 2 years

Damage Caps: None

Applicable State Laws: Nursing Home Care Act (210 ILCS 45), Elder Abuse and

Neglect Act – (320 ILCS 20)

Illinois Nursing Home News: The Illinois Supreme Court will soon be rendering an opinion whether the family of a deceased nursing home patient is entitled to punitive damages under the Illinois Nursing Home Care Act. Presently, there is ambiguity as to the applicability of The Act in cases where a patients death was related to willful and wanton conduct on the part of the nursing home.

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