

Our [nursing home neglect lawyers](#) recently filed a Michigan wrongful death lawsuit against a skilled nursing care facility in Lakeview, Michigan. The decedent was a resident of the Spectrum Kelsey Rehab and Nursing Center at the time of the incident. The lawsuit was filed in the Montcalm County Circuit Court by her surviving family members.

The case involves the death of an eighty-one year old resident of the facility. The resident, who was wheelchair bound, was placed into a transportation van by a nursing home worker for transportation to a medical appointment. During the ride to the appointment, the resident fell out of the wheelchair and struck her head.

Due to the fall, the resident suffered a fractured femur bone. She was rushed to the hospital and was cleared by the medical staff for emergency medical surgery. While in surgery, she suffered a complication and was placed on life support. She later died.

The incident was thoroughly investigated by the State of Michigan Department of Community Services and numerous violations were cited against the nursing care facility. These included the failure to properly train the worker on the proper procedures for securing wheelchairs in transportation vans, the failure to properly document, the training, and other violations. The nursing home was required to pay a \$100 fine to the family.

“The \$100 fine was the penalty that the state could enforce against the nursing. Obviously, this is purely symbolic and in no way reflective of the significant mistakes that caused this resident’s death. Her family is seeking more meaningful compensation for her loss and also wants to prevent this from happening to anyone else’s mother or grandmother,” said the family’s Michigan lawyer, Lawrence J. Buckfire.

The lawsuit seeks all damages permissible under the [Michigan Wrongful Death Act](#). These damages include payment of funeral expenses and medical bills related to the hospitalization prior to her death. The law also permits the family to seek damages for their loss of society and companionship resulting from the untimely death. No trial date has been set by the court.