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Top Causes of Severe Falls Resulting in Injury & Hospitalization

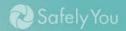


Agenda

- SafelyYou Background
- Contributing factors of severe falls
- Methods to preventing severe falls
- Resident success stories

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SafelyYou Background



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SafelyYou Fall Severity Breakdown

Fall Severity	% of Falls
Intentional w/ Recovery	30%
Intentional w/o Recovery	28%
1	3%
2	3%
3	26%
4	9%
5	1%

Fall: Any unintentional change in position where the individual ends up on the floor, ground, or other lower level. Severity levels defined:

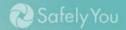
- 1 Near Fall: Resident almost goes to the ground with no injuries.
- 2 Self-Recovery: Resident is on the ground but self-recovers.
 "Silent falls"
- 3 Minor: Resident is on the ground and unable to self recover with no injuries.
- 4 Moderate: Resident is on the ground and unable to self recover with possible injuries.
- 5 Severe: Resident is on the ground and unable to self recover with traumatic injury to head or other body part.



Actual Fall Event



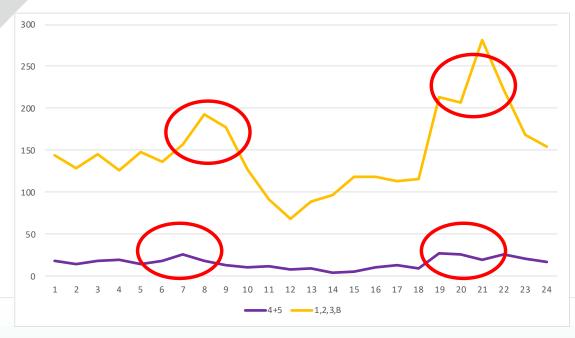




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Contributing Factors to Severe Falls

Contributing Factor | Time of Day



- Most falls occur between
 5-8am and 6-9pm (Shift change)
- Least amount of falls occur in the middle of the day when residents are not in their room
- Opportunity to adjust shifts, get residents up earlier, add evening activities

Note: Data includes over 1800 falls across 25 communities over 14 months



Contributing Factor | Activity Before Fall

Walking or dynamic reaching

67%

Roll out or transfer to/from bed

28%

Chair transfers, caregiver transfer

4%

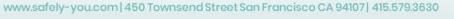
66%

Doesn't use available mobility aid





Note: Data includes over 800 falls across 25 communities over 4 months



Contributing Factor | Prior Falls

10% of falls are considered moderate to severe

49% of those that fall will have a severe fall

88% of those with a severe fall have more than I fall



Although severe falls are rare, learning from prior falls is critical avoid such future events



Contributing Factor | Medications

Review of high-risk medications

- Meds that increase confusing (Opiods, antihistamines, hypnotics, etc.)
- > Blood pressure pills (alpha blockers, ?beta-blockers, all others).
- Is blood pressure too low?
- Psychotropic medications (antidepressants, antipsychotics, benzo's, mood stabilizers)

Medication reconciliation

- Eliminate duplicate medications (multiple bottles of same Rx)
- Review new meds from the hospital (against current supply)





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Prevention

Step 1: Fall Scene Investigation

How can we prevent another severe fall?

- Where is the mobility aid?
- What is the position of the bed?
- What is the resident wearing?
- Environmental triggers?
- Is the furniture hazardous?
- Was the door propped open?





Step 2: Incident Reporting

- In-depth data gathering for severe falls
 - ☐ Time of fall
 - Room lighting
 - Mobility aid
 - Environment condition
 - Activity b/f fall
- Interview and gather info from the team
 - Who was with the resident last?
 - Did they have a visitor?
- Track fall pattern over time, what trends can be identified?





Step 3: Environmental Considerations





Step 4: Care Plan Updates

- Review current medications and risk factors post hospitalization
- Examine ADL support and timing of care
- Consult rehab on appropriate mobility aid proper placement when resident is left alone
- Incorporate strength/balance training





Step 5: Education & Cultural Change

- Educate caregivers on importance of fall prevention
 - > Standing for ADL's, actively participating in transfers
 - Monitor overuse of wheelchairs for ambulatory residents
- Promote fall scene investigation and problem solving within actual fall environment
- Encourage collaboration and highlight fall reduction





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Success Stories

Resident Success Story

Before After







Success Stories

Resident 1: Frequent fall before SY pilot. 6 falls during pilot period 3 of which were moderately severe. Falls involved resident attempting to self toilet during the night and early morning hour. Walker is now left at bedside and a transfer pole was installed to prevent resident from pulling on curtains for support. **No falls for 4 weeks**

Resident 2: Frequent faller with 2 severe falls one resulting in head injury over a 7 week period. Community used video review to see resident was falling when attempting to dress himself during the morning/evening. Additional ADL support was added, **no falls for 4 weeks**.

Resident 3: Resident was getting out of bed frequently during the night. 5 moderately severe falls over 3 months. Staff determined she was uncomfortable in both her wheelchair and her bed. Resident provided a more supportive wheelchair and a high quality hospital bed, **no falls for 8 weeks**.





06 Summary

Summary

- Analyze role of time of day, prior falls, medications, and resident behavior in falls
- Enhance FSI and incident reporting for frequent, severe fallers
- Closely examine personal environment and modify
- Engage family and multi-disciplinary team in the fall prevention process



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Current Solutions | Don't Address the 7 of 10 with Alzheimer's



Bed exit sensors



Periodic Staff checks



2013 Study on Bed Alarms: "There was **no difference** in fall rates or in the number of patients who fell, injurious fall rates, or the number of patients physically restrained"



SafelyYou Fall Solution





Real-time fall detection via artificial intelligence



94% fall detection accuracy compared to 57% wearable device





SafelyYou Security & Privacy







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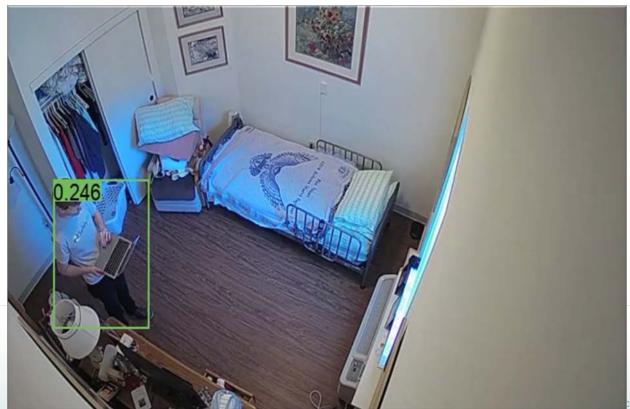


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Applying AI to Memory Care





Installation



Signage displayed





SafelyYou-*Guardian* wall mounted on-site includes:

- Computer
- Router
- Switch

SafelyYou-*Guardian* can also be rack mounted

Removeable cover for those that opt-out

