

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 505517	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 07/02/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Washington Veteran Home-Retsil		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1141 Beach Drive PT Orchard, WA 98366	
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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** .</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to follow manufacturer's guidelines during the use of a mechanical lift and the lift sling for 2 of 3 residents (Residents 1, 5) reviewed for falls. The facility failed to assess, evaluate the root cause, and implement fall prevention interventions specific to resident needs for 4 of 6 sampled residents (Residents 1, 2, 3, and 4) reviewed for accidents. In addition, the facility failed to follow manufacturer instructions for routine, documented inspection of the mechanical lift slings. Resident 1 experienced harm when they sustained a hip fracture when transferred with a mechanical lift and sling in a manner inconsistent with the manufacturer instructions. These failures placed all residents that required mechanical lift transfer at risk for avoidable falls, physical injuries, functional decline, and diminished quality of life.</p> <p>Findings included .</p> <p>&lt;Mechanical lift sling&gt;</p> <p>&lt;Resident 1&gt;</p> <p>Resident 1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. The quarterly minimum data set (MDS), dated [DATE], documented that the resident had no cognitive impairment and was dependent on staff for activities of daily living (ADLs). Resident 1 had no recent history of falls.</p> <p>The care plan, dated 12/21/2023, documented Resident 1 was at risk for falls due to chronic debility and decreased sensation to bilateral low extremities. Staff would use a two-person transfer with a mechanical lift and a medium red toileting sling, ensuring flaps were not bunched underneath the resident.</p> <p>On 06/17/2025 at 10:25 AM, Resident 1 was observed in their room, in bed. In a concurrent interview at that time, the resident reported they were recovering from a hip fracture and things were going well so far. The resident said they remembered the fall. Resident 1 said they didn't hook it up to the Hoyer [mechanical lift] the right way. Resident 1 did not see how the staff hooked her up because she was not watching but felt that way because there was never a problem with the sling before.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined that other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. (See instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable 90 days following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosable 14 days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>The facility investigation, dated 06/01/2025, documented Resident 1 fell during a transfer with the mechanical lift. The staff were transferring the resident from the bed into the wheelchair when the resident slid through the mechanical lift sling, bottom first, falling to the floor. Resident 1 hit their head on the bar of the mechanical lift resulting in a head laceration. Resident 1 was transported to the hospital. Witness statements noted staff used the red toileting sling to transfer the resident. The resident was noted to be secured appropriately with the legs crossed underneath both resident's legs. The investigation conclusion was noted as unable to determine the root cause of this fall and found the resident was transferred out of bed according to the care plan.</p> <p>Review of the Vance Hygiene Sling Instruction Sheet, undated, documented strap of the legs should be crisscrossed between the legs of the resident and in front of the resident.</p> <p>Progress notes, dated 06/11/2025, documented Resident 1 was found to have a right hip fracture from the fall to the floor.</p> <p>During an interview on 06/04/2025 at 2:25 PM, Staff F, nursing assistant (NA), said she assisted Resident 1 with the transfer which resulted in the fall out of the mechanical lift. Staff F said they were getting the resident up into the wheelchair. They hooked the resident up like they normally did. They used the red toileting sling, hooking both straps to the top of the mechanical lift. They bucketed the straps on the resident's legs describing this as both straps going under the legs but not crisscrossed in-between the legs. As they lowered the resident into the chair, the resident slid through the straps and fell to the floor. One of the resident's legs remained hanging in the sling and the other fell to the floor. Staff F said it was like the resident fell through a trap door. Staff F said she used the sling how she was trained. She said, the sling is not safe, but did not know of any other incidents with the sling, just close calls.</p> <p>During an interview on 06/04/2025 at 3:00 PM, Staff K, NA, and Staff L, NA, said they bucket the red toileting sling when transferring residents. Both Staff K and Staff L said they were trained to use the red toileting sling this way. Staff K said the sling is safe if you use it right.</p> <p>During an interview on 06/04/2025 at 3:33 PM, Staff H, NA, said he was trained to bucket the red toileting sling when transferring residents. Staff H said there were no safety issues with the sling if you use it right.</p> <p>During an interview on 07/02/2025 at 4:19 PM, Staff C, Registered Nurse and Investigation Nurse, said the staff reported they crisscrossed the straps under the legs but not between the legs. Staff C did not investigate the manufacturer instructions to determine if the leg straps were used appropriately. Staff C could not state how the red toileting sling should be used. Staff C said the care plan did not note how the leg straps should be placed. Staff C said she was unsure if this was the appropriate sling for the resident due to the resident's lack of core strength and weight carried in their midsection. Therapy had recommended the red toileting sling at some point, but a recent reassessment was conducted, and a new sling was chosen.</p> <p>During an interview on 07/02/2025 at 5:29 PM, Staff B, Director of Nursing Services (DNS) and Registered Nurse (RN), said she did not know the correct way to use the red toileting sling and could not say if staff used the red toileting sling appropriately.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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F 0689 Level of Harm - Actual harm Residents Affected - Few	<p>During an interview on 07/30/2025 at 5:04 PM, an email communication from Staff B documented training and education was started related to the proper use of the red toileting sling.</p> <p>&lt;Resident 5&gt;</p> <p>Resident 5 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnosis of renal failure and multiple sclerosis. The annual MDS, dated [DATE], documented Resident 5 had no cognitive impairment and was dependent on staff for ADLs.</p> <p>During an observation on 06/04/2025 at 3:37 PM, Staff H positioned the red toileting sling around Resident 5's back with the assistance of Staff L. The staff adjusted the sling and wrapped it around Resident 5's waist and clipped it. They positioned the chair in a reclining position to position leg straps under the resident. The sling's straps were bucketed under both legs, not in-between the resident's legs. Staff H opened the legs of the mechanical lift and positioned the chair between legs. The staff hooked the straps on the top hook and the bottom hooks. Both staff support the resident as they lifted and transferred the resident into bed. They lowered the resident into bed and remove the lift, then sling.</p> <p>During an interview on 07/02/2025 at 4:19 PM, Staff C could not state how the red toileting sling should be used.</p> <p>During an interview on 07/02/2025 at 5:29 PM, Staff B, DNS and RN, said she did not know the correct way to use the red toileting sling.</p> <p>During an interview on 07/30/2025 at 5:04 PM, an email communication from Staff B documented training and education was started related to the proper use of the red toileting sling.</p> <p>&lt;Fall investigation & Assessment of Preventative Measures&gt;</p> <p>&lt;Resident 1&gt;</p> <p>Resident 1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. The quarterly minimum data set (MDS), dated [DATE], documented the resident had no cognitive impairment and was dependent on staff for ADLs. Resident 1 had no recent history of falls.</p> <p>The facility investigation, dated 06/01/2025, documented Resident 1 fell during a transfer with the mechanical lift. The staff were transferring the resident from their bed into their wheelchair when the resident slipped out of the mechanical lift sling, falling to the floor. Resident 1 hit their head on the bar of the mechanical lift resulting in a head laceration. Resident 1 was transported to the hospital. Witness statements noted staff had used the red toileting sling to transfer the resident. The resident was noted to be secured appropriately with the legs crossed underneath both resident's legs. The investigation conclusion is noted as unable to determine the root cause of this fall and found the resident was transferred out of bed according to the care plan.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>The fall investigation, dated 04/12/2025, documented Resident 2 was found on the floor next to the bed. The investigation noted the resident did not use a call light. Portions of the investigations fall assessment were left blank. The investigation did not determine the last time the resident was assisted with toileting and what type of footwear the resident was wearing. The root cause determined is Resident 2's impulsiveness and self-transfers. The intervention was to add a soft touch call light to Resident 2's room.</p> <p>The fall investigation, dated 04/16/2025, documented Resident 2 was found sitting next to their bed on the floor. The resident did not use the call light. The care plan, dated 04/14/2025, documented Resident 2 needed a soft touch call light.</p> <p>The fall investigation, dated 06/03/2025, documented staff heard a loud bang and found Resident 2 on the floor next to the recliner. The resident sustained a cut to the right temple measuring 1.5 centimeters (cm) x 0.5 cm. A predisposing factor was listed as furniture but did not include how the furniture contributed to the fall. The resident had improper footwear on at the time of the fall. The investigation did not determine the last time the resident was assisted with toileting, whether the resident used the call light or within reach, or where the resident was prior to the fall. The root cause determined Resident 2 may have taken themselves to the bathroom or may have been sleeping and fallen out of bed. No care plan interventions were noted in the investigation or care plan.</p> <p>The fall investigation, dated 06/04/2025, documented Resident 2 was found sitting in the hall in front of his room with the food cover from their food tray next to him. The investigation did not determine the last time the resident was assisted with toileting, whether the resident used the call light or within reach, or where the resident was prior to the fall. The root cause determined the resident was trying to return the food cover to staff. The care plan, 06/05/2025, document staff will remove the food cover from the food trays.</p> <p>During an interview on 07/02/2025 at 4:19 PM, Staff C said the staff did not place the soft touch call light timely.</p> <p>&lt;Resident 3&gt;</p> <p>Resident 3 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. The annual MDS, dated [DATE], documented the resident had severe cognitive impairment and required substantial/maximal assistance from staff for ADLs. Resident 2 had no recent falls.</p> <p>The care plan, dated 06/27/2025, documented Resident 3 was at risk for falls due to Parkinson's disease, generalized weakness and decreased mobility. Resident 3 had 11 falls since January 2025.</p> <p>On 06/17/2025 at 11:48 AM Resident 3 was observed in their wheelchair. No anti-roll devices were noted on the wheelchair.</p> <p>The fall investigation, dated 03/20/2025, documented Resident 3 was found on the floor in the hallway holding their shoe. The assessment of the fall was blank in some sections and there were no staff interviews related to the fall. The root cause of the fall was self-shoe removal. The resident was to be assessed for anti-roll back wheelchair.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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