

Our [nursing home neglect lawyers in Michigan](#) are frequently contacted by family members of nursing home patients who have been diagnosed with pneumonia. Acquired pneumonia is unfortunately relatively common in skilled nursing care facilities and often leads to the death of the resident. Many times, the pneumonia is related to an aspiration event and proper preventative care can reduce the risk of this from developing.

Aspiration pneumonia is often caused when a nursing home patient coughs while swallowing. There are a number of risk factors involved in this phenomenon, including the patient “needs help eating” and “coughs while swallowing.” Improved feeding techniques can help reduce the risk of aspiration pneumonia. Better quality feeding studies and swallowing studies have been recommended to control this problem. It has also been suggested that better oral hygiene can prevent aspiration pneumonia.

When a resident or patient develops aspiration pneumonia and it is the result of poor care or neglect by the nursing home staff, the patient and the patient’s family may have legal recourse against the nursing home. Because aspiration pneumonia can often lead to death, the surviving family members may be able to pursue a [wrongful death lawsuit](#) against the facility.

Also, if the resident or patient demonstrates the signs or symptoms of pneumonia and necessary care and treatment is delayed or never provided, a nursing home neglect lawsuit can be filed against the nursing home. Nursing home residents and their families do have legal rights when the nursing facility fails to properly care for the patient. It is unlikely that the facility will disclose the important issues surrounding the illness to the family or the patient, so family members should contact an experienced Michigan nursing home negligence lawyer to investigate the case on their behalf.

If you would like more information about your legal rights after Michigan nursing home abuse or neglect, you can order our **FREE** book, "[The Michigan Nursing Home Abuse & Neglect Handbook](#)," by top-rated Michigan lawyer Lawrence J. Buckfire. The book is an insider's report on nursing home abuse claims and includes why most nursing home injuries are never reported or discovered. Our book sells for \$14.95 on Amazon but Lawrence will send it to you for FREE!

If you or a family member have been diagnosed with aspiration pneumonia due to nursing home neglect and abuse, you should contact our nursing home lawyers in Michigan immediately. Call us now at **(800) 606-1717** to speak with one of our experienced Michigan nursing home abuse neglect about your case.