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Lawsuit involving fall

ChicoER.com had an [article](#) about a lawsuit filed against Windsor Chico Care Center by Virginia White, a resident who claims the staff's negligence led to a fall that caused significant injuries.

White was living with her grandson, Donald White, because she needed so much help with activities of daily living. In August 2009, Donald White needed to go to San Francisco for medical tests, and he arranged for Windsor Chico Care Center to take care of her in his absence.

Donald White carefully explained to nursing-home administrators how his grandmother needed help when moving from place to place or going to the bathroom. When moving about with her walker, she needed two people to assist her, one in front and one in back, to guard against falls.

On Aug. 14, less than a week after she was admitted to Windsor Chico, Virginia White fell and was hurt. She had called for help to go to the bathroom, and one certified nursing assistant came to her aid and helped her get to the bathroom. Contrary to Virginia White's care plan and the doctor's orders, the assistant left her standing in the bathroom. White fell forward, hitting her neighbor's bathroom door and falling into her neighbor's room, face first on the floor.

She sustained "a multitude of facial fractures." Virginia White was admitted to an acute-care hospital where she spent four days. Then she was transferred to an acute-care rehabilitation facility to recuperate. Finally, she was transferred to another nursing home for long-term care.

The suit alleges that Windsor Chico Care Center was at fault by, among other things, failing to carry out all written orders and failing to employ enough nursing staff to meet the minimum daily requirement of the law.