

# Incident Report Writing in Nursing

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## Header Information

**Date:** February 12, 2025

**Time:** 7:45 AM

**Location:** Ward 5, St. Mary's Hospital

**Reported by:** Amanda Green, Registered Nurse

## Description of the Incident

At approximately 7:30 AM, a fall incident occurred involving an elderly patient, Mr. George Thompson, in Ward 5 of St. Mary's Hospital. Mr. Thompson, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery, attempted to walk unassisted to the bathroom and fell, as his walker was not within easy reach.

## Parties Involved

- **George Thompson:** Patient, suffered minor injuries from the fall.
- **Amanda Green:** RN on duty who responded to the incident.
- **Jessica Lee:** Nursing Assistant assigned to assist Mr. Thompson.

## Actions Taken

Immediately after the fall, the following actions were taken:

- Mr. Thompson was assisted back into his bed, and a preliminary assessment was conducted to check for injuries. He reported pain in his right arm.
- The on-call physician was alerted and arrived to examine Mr. Thompson, confirming a minor sprain in his right wrist.
- An incident report was initiated by Nurse Amanda Green, and all details of the event were documented, including witness statements and the initial health assessment.

- Mr. Thompson was provided with pain relief medication and comfort measures were applied.
- The family of Mr. Thompson was informed about the incident and the measures taken following the fall.

### **Recommendations for Future Prevention**

1. **Patient Mobility Assessment:** Regular assessments of patients' mobility and necessary adjustments to care plans to ensure safety aids like walkers are always accessible.
2. **Staff Training on Fall Prevention:** Continuous education and training for all nursing staff on fall prevention strategies and proper patient handling techniques.
3. **Environmental Safety Checks:** Routine checks to ensure that all patient areas are free of hazards that could lead to falls.
4. **Patient and Family Education:** Educating patients and their families on the importance of requesting assistance before attempting to move, especially post-surgery.
5. **Review of Patient Care Equipment:** Regular review and maintenance of patient care equipment to ensure they are in proper working condition and placed appropriately.

### **Attachments**

- **Medical Assessment Report:** Document from the physician detailing Mr. Thompson's condition post-fall.
- **Witness Statements:** Accounts from other staff and patients who were present at the time of the incident.
- **Safety Audit Results:** A follow-up report on the safety measures implemented in Ward 5 post-incident.
- **Staff Training Records:** Documentation of recent training sessions attended by the nursing staff related to patient safety and fall prevention.

