

SINGULAR EVENT DETERMINATION

Singular Event is a one-time event in which one resident was harmed in an isolated incident (one incident) that is not the result of a pattern or widespread issues.



What are some of the systemic factors the surveyors should look for?

- *Before the incident, did the facility provide adequate training for staff?*
- *Were there ongoing trainings to ensure competency of staff are maintained?*
- *Upon interview, was the staff was made aware of the specific care needs required by the resident?*
- *Was the protocol to transfer care plans among staffs well-known?*
- *Was the environment safe for the staff to perform their duties?*
- *Did the facility have an up-to date policies and were the contents of the policies shared with staff?*
- *Were the equipments and other tools used by staff available, well-maintained and were the manuals readily available for staff's use?*
- *Did the facility have previous knowledge of the factors that may lead to the incident?*
- *Has a similar incident occurred previously?*
- *Was prior intervention implemented to prevent future incidents?*

The above questions are not all-inclusive. These are just examples of questions to ask when making a Singular Event determination.