Common Belief	Truth Based on the Literature
Body mechanics training is effective in preventing job-related injuries	Thirty-five years of research show that training alone is not effective.
Back belts are effective in reducing the risks to caregivers.	There is no evidence that these belts are effective.
Nurses who are physically fit are less likely to be injured.	The literature doesn't support this.
Mechanical lifts are not affordable.	The long-term benefits of proper equipment far outweigh the costs related to work-related injuries.
Staff will not use equipment for safe patient handling and movement.	Staff will use the equipment when they are included in the decision-making process for purchasing new equipment.