



Node takeover is not possible due to incorrect LIF failover policy assignment

https://kb-stage.netapp.com/on-prem/ontap/Ontap_OS/OS-KBs/Node_takeover_is_not_possible_due_t...

Updated: Wed, 24 Jun 2026 08:16:17 GMT

Applies to

- ONTAP 9
- FAS / AFF
- SAN LIFs

Issue

- Node takeover fails with an error:

```
cluster1::> storage failover takeover -ofnode Node1  
(storage failover takeover)
```

Warning: A takeover will be initiated. When the partner node reboots, a giveback

will be automatically initiated. Do you want to continue?

{y|n}: y

Error: command failed: Could not migrate LIFs away from node "Node1":

Reason Failed to migrate one or more LIFs away from node

"Node1". Use the "network interface show -curr-node

Node1" command to identify LIFs that could not be migrated off

that node. Use the "network interface migrate" command to manually

migrate the LIFs off the node. Run "storage failover show" to

confirm

node "Node1" is operational. If node is operational, reissue

the takeover command with "-skip-lif-migration-before-takeover" to

skip

the migration and proceed with takeover.

- LIFs in use are SAN based.