



Know Your Rights About Slip & Fall:

Don't Miss Out on Money You're Owed



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Fall down cases can include a variety of circumstances, but one of the most prevalent is what is commonly referred to as “slip and fall.” During the winter months when sidewalks and parking lots are icy, those injured by a fall often find themselves wondering whether anyone is responsible for their losses, including medical expenses.

National Safety Council (NSC) injury data tells us that slip and fall incidents account for nearly **9 million emergency room visits** every year. Sadly, falls are the second leading cause of death in residential homes and in senior citizen communities. In fact, **nearly 25,000 deaths are caused annually** by slip and fall incidents. Whether it be a wet floor in a grocery store, a patch of uneven ground, sidewalk on public property or ice on a homeowner’s sidewalk, fall down incidents can have serious legal implications.



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Understand Your Rights

It’s important that you know your rights! Legally, a home owner or business owner has an obligation to repair (and/or prominently warn you of) any potential safety hazards on their property. If you have been seriously injured in a slip and fall case and have proof of negligence against the property owner, you may be entitled to monetary compensation.

In general, negligence is proven by exposing the property owner’s failure to use reasonable care in connection with the property. The fact that you were injured alone does not establish a compelling case. It is the proof that you were injured due to someone else’s negligence that gives you a claim, according to the law.

If a property owner failed to maintain, repair, or monitor their property and as a result of the negligence created or ignored the importance of a potentially dangerous condition, then that person has responsibility for your injuries. Your resulting hurts and harms (including medical bills) should be compensated.



Common Examples of Slip & Fall Claims

- public walkway that is poorly maintained with no warning signs
- business owner who has not performed regular checks of his/her property
- landlord who fails to adequately maintain a property in which a tenant is living
- homeowner (or municipality) who neglects to properly clear an icy sidewalk
- hospital or nursing home fails to take necessary safety measures for its patients, residents, or visitors

More specifically, the list below describes some of the most common locations where slip and fall incidents occur:

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| ● Sidewalks | ● Slippery store aisles |
| ● Driveways | ● Construction sites |
| ● Ramps | ● Trampolines |
| ● Floors with loose carpet or uneven tile | ● Pool areas |
| ● Stairs | ● Displays in stores |
| ● Ladders | ● Parking lots |



Time to Take Action: What Should I Do Next?

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Ask yourself whether, in the case of your injury due to slip and fall, you feel that someone, other than you, is responsible. If the answer to question #1 is "yes," then it's time to make a phone call (see next step).

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Consider the extent of the physical and emotional expense, which includes medical bills and lost income and be sure to write this information down.

3

Keep any footwear or other clothing that you were wearing when the fall occurred.

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Call an experienced slip and fall lawyer to find out whether the property owner may be held financially liable for your accident.

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Remember that simply because a property is unsafe does not necessarily mean that the property owner is responsible. For example, anytime a warning sign is prominently displayed, proving responsibility on the owners is more challenging.

The details of a premises liability or fall down case should be entrusted to an experienced law firm. Do not talk to risk managers or other agents of the property owner. An attorney will be able to help answer your initial questions, such as:

- Who would be liable in my case?
- Do I have enough information to prove negligence?
- Is it too late to file a claim?



FREE CASE EVALUATION

Don't miss this opportunity to have an absolutely free case evaluation with Thomas More Holland, an experienced slip and fall lawyer.

If you've been injured in a fall on account of someone else's negligence, don't wait any longer. In some cases and in some states, you may have as little as 30 days to file a formal legal notice. Our law office can help.