

From the Desk of

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Dear friend:

Have you ever heard the term, "premises liability"? This means that if you slip & fall on property due to negligence, you can recover compensation for your injuries and attendant losses from the owners and managers of property.

While the insurance industry attempts to create the impression that all such cases lack merit and that they occur in private homes, our experience with actual cases in my law firm is just the opposite. In clients seeking representation here, the most common problems occur in shopping center parking lots and in stores & restaurants. These cases certainly aren't frivolous and the negligence is gross, but hidden from the victim until it's too late. Examples? Instead of removing snow properly from a parking lot, the contractor lets it pile up in a huge mound which, when it melts, re-freezes and creates "black ice" which cannot be seen and is very dangerous. Potholes are often left to develop in places that are not open or obvious. Restaurants place chairs too near rugs so that a chair can snag on the rug, throwing the customer forward and down on the floor when the chair is pushed back.

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Unpacked boxes are left in store shopping areas where a customer who is looking at the merchandise will be unaware of the box until a leg or a knee hits it. The injuries from these events can be just as painful and long-lasting as those that result from an automobile crash. There are medical bills, lost wages and other economic losses which result as well.

If you, a member of your family or group of friends slips & falls in a commercial space, you should call me immediately or recommend that others who are injured do so. A quick investigation can often increase the value of a settlement and makes the difference between winning and losing a case.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry" with a stylized flourish below it.

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