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Injured In A New Jersey Slip And Fall Accident?



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Many people frequent shopping centers or other businesses each and every day in New Jersey. They depend upon the owners of these locations to provide them with a safe opportunity to complete their visits without any incidents occurring.



Unfortunately, conditions present on the property could result in individuals experiencing an injury due to a <u>slip-and-fall accident</u>. These events often occur because landowners do not correct problems that they know exist in a timely manner. This may be the failure to clear ice and snow, or not promptly cleaning any spills that may be present. Other problems may include poor lighting in certain areas, as well as broken or defective stairs or railings.

These accidents can often result in back, neck and shoulder injuries, as well as broken bones due to the fall. An individual injured in a slip-and-fall accident may have a claim against the owner of the property under a theory of premises liability, but it will often depend on a careful review of the factors present at the time of the accident. In New Jersey, property owners have certain obligations to those that visit their property. These duties depend upon the status of the individual that is visiting.

The courts may have to examine the situation to learn if the business owners fulfilled their obligations to the individuals prior to the accident. Many disputes often arise over whether the accident was foreseeable, and if the responses of the property owners to these potential dangers were reasonable.

If you are injured due to a slip-and-fall accident, it is important that you try to preserve as much evidence as possible before you leave the scene. Try to take photos of the area where the accident occurred, so that you will be able to demonstrate the conditions that led to your accident.

Many businesses will either clean or make repairs to these problem areas, which can make it much more difficult for you to prevail on your case. Also, be sure to gather the names of any witnesses who may have been at the scene at the time of the incident.

After a slip-and-fall accident, you may not know what you need to do to hold those responsible for causing your injuries. Contact a personal injury attorney experienced with these types of claims to help you recover compensation.

These cases can be very complex, and it can be extremely difficult to demonstrate how the accident and injuries are connected. An attorney familiar with slip-and-fall accidents will understand how to present your case to the court, and also can help you determine which option is best for your specific situation. <u>Contact us today</u> for a free consultation about your case.