



Personal Injury Group: Slip & Fall Accidents

Injuries caused by slips, trips and falls on someone's property are known as premises liability cases. Typically premises liability cases involve accidents caused by defects or problems in stairs or steps that cause someone to fall or be injured; slips and falls caused by snow and ice; and trips and falls inside stores, restaurants or other businesses caused by a foreign or slippery substance spilled on the floor.

Liability for this type of accident will usually be covered by a person's homeowner's or business insurance. Typically the insurance coverage provided for a premises liability case is quite broad, but is not without limits. In certain circumstances, the homeowner's or business insurance may even cover an injured person's medical expenses.

In New York, to be successful on a premises liability case, the injured party must establish that the property owner either created the condition which caused the injury, or had notice that the dangerous condition existed. Notice can be shown in two ways: 1) Actual Notice - meaning that the property owner actually knew about the dangerous condition, possibly through observing it or being told about it; or 2) Constructive Notice - meaning that the dangerous condition existed for a long enough period of time that the property owner should have discovered it and fixed it. An example of constructive notice would be where a property owner is aware that there is a defective gutter on the property which drips water, and causes ice to form on the ground below on a regular basis. In such a case, the property owner would not have to be aware of the specific ice that caused the injured party's fall, only that the formation of ice in the area where the injured party fell was a regular occurrence.

If you or someone you know has suffered a serious injury as a result of a slip, trip or fall, contact our team of personal injury attorneys at Levene Gouldin & Thompson, LLP.

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