

Slip & Falls

A slip and fall accident is one in which a person slips and falls as a result of some defective condition. This can be the result of an uneven floor surface, a wet or freshly waxed floor, stairways, uneven risers, poor lighting, fallen merchandise, frayed carpets, and the like.

WHY HIRE A SLIP AND FALL ACCIDENT LAWYER?

In Connecticut, property owners have a duty to maintain their premises in a reasonably safe condition. The duty of the owner increases depending upon the legal status of the injured victim who falls upon the premises. In ascending order, a landowner has the least obligation to a trespasser, more responsibility with regard to a licensee, and the most responsibility with regard to an invitee. An invitee is someone who is invited to the premises for business reasons, such as a shopper in a retail store.

When the accident involves a property that is owned by a state or municipal entity, there are special rules which make it much more difficult for an injured victim to recover damages. These rules were imported from the old English common law that the king could not be sued. In addition, there are specific notice requirements for city and state entities that will bar a recovery if such notices are not met. Therefore, it is very important that an injured victim who has fallen on state or municipal property contact a reputable attorney immediately so that he/she does not unwittingly fall prey to these notice requirements.