

# 5 THINGS TO DO AFTER A SLIP AND FALL

Hurt in a Fall?

Steps to Take for a Successful Claim



Slip and falls can happen anywhere: the parking lot of an apartment complex, a grocery store, or even in your office building. Regardless of where they happen, one thing that all slip and falls have in common is negligence.

You may be tempted to blame yourself for your slip and fall, but the fact of the matter is that people don't fall for no reason. Property owners have a legal responsibility to keep their buildings clear of hazards that could cause tenants, visitors, or customers to trip, slip, or fall. If property owners fail to uphold this responsibility, and you get hurt as a result, you could be entitled to compensation for your injuries and medical bills through a [slip and fall lawsuit](#).

## Post-Accident Checklist: 5 Things to Do After a Slip and Fall

- ☐ **Seek medical treatment immediately for your injuries.**
- ☐ **Collect contact information from any witnesses at the scene.**
- ☐ **Record evidence of the accident, including photos of the hazard and your injuries.**
- ☐ **File an accident report with the police.**
- ☐ **Don't sign any waivers or give statements without a lawyer present.**







# Slip and Fall Lawsuit FAQs

Our attorneys have the answers to your most important slip and fall lawsuit questions, including:

## **Q. Can slip and fall accidents really cause serious injuries?**

- A.** Absolutely. Insurance companies and property owners often paint slip and falls as “frivolous” accidents in an attempt to downplay the severity of your injuries, but slip and falls are not to be taken lightly. Unintentional slips, trips, and falls accounted for over 33,000 deaths in 2015 alone, according to the latest figures from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

## **Q. Can I hold my landlord responsible for my slip and fall injury?**

- A.** There are instances in which a landlord can be held liable for a tenant’s slip and fall. Your attorney will have to prove that your landlord was aware of the condition of the property that led to your injury and chose not to fix it.



## **Q. What are the grounds for a slip and fall lawsuit?**

- A.** Proving a slip and fall lawsuit requires more than just proving that the property on which you fell was in dangerous condition. Slip and fall lawsuits are about proving negligence and carelessness, such as:
- Did the property owner create the dangerous condition?
  - Did they know of this dangerous condition and fail to correct it?
  - If they were not aware of the dangerous condition, had enough time passed that a reasonable property owner would have noticed and fixed it?



## Q. How can an attorney help with my slip and fall case?

A. An experienced attorney handles the difficult elements of a slip and fall lawsuit, while you focus on recovering from your injury. Your attorney will perform a thorough investigation and gather evidence to try and prove negligence and carelessness by doing some of the following:

- Photographing your injury
- Obtaining medical records
- Obtaining an accident report
- Examining building codes to see if local code and ordinances were broken

## Our Slip and Fall Verdicts & Settlements

Our attorneys at Morgan & Morgan have handled thousands upon thousands of slip and fall cases and can help fight on your behalf to try and prove that a property owner's carelessness was the direct cause of your slip and fall. We've turned inadequate pre-trial offers into major verdicts, such as:

Case	Pre-Trial Offer	Verdict	Description
Rosetta Harris v. PBH Mayport, LL	\$0	<b>\$2,228,679</b>	A woman's pre-existing condition was greatly exacerbated after a trip-and-fall down a poorly maintained set of stairs in an apartment complex.
Mills v. Florida Caribbean Distillers	\$600,000	<b>\$2,422,785</b>	A professional pipe insulator sustained severe injuries after falling through a skylight while accessing a pipe on the roof.
Mateen v. Kash N Karry	\$50,000	<b>\$870,000</b>	A man's pre-existing back condition was aggravated when he slipped on a wet floor that the cleaning crew failed to dry, requiring him to undergo back surgery.

## Our Attorneys Can Help

If our FAQs didn't answer your slip and fall lawsuit questions, please contact us today by filling out our [free, no-obligation form](#). Our attorneys are experienced in handling slip and fall cases, and they know what it takes to prove fault on the part of a negligent property owner. We may be able to help if you or someone you love was hurt in a slip and fall.

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