

Slip and Fall Accidents: Frequently Asked Questions

Answers to common questions about slip and fall accidents in Colorado Springs.

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Q: What should I do immediately after a slip and fall accident?

A: Report the incident to the property owner or manager right away and request an incident report. If possible, take photos of the hazard, the surrounding area, and your injuries. Also, gather contact information from any witnesses.

Q: Should I seek medical attention even if I don't feel seriously hurt?

A: Yes, absolutely. Some injuries may not be immediately apparent, and delaying medical treatment can be used by insurance companies to argue you weren't truly injured. It's crucial to get checked out.

Q: What evidence should I preserve after a fall?

A: Keep the shoes and clothing you were wearing at the time of the accident. Documenting everything you remember while the details are fresh is also important.

Q: Can I get a copy of the incident report?

A: Yes, you should ask the property owner or manager to document the incident in an official report and request a copy for yourself.

Q: Is it important to take photos after a fall?

A: Yes, if you are physically able, take photos of the specific hazard that caused your fall, the general area where it happened, and any visible injuries you sustained.

Q: What if there were witnesses to my fall?

A: Make sure to get the names and contact information of anyone who saw the accident occur. Their testimony can be valuable.

Q: Why should I be careful about giving recorded statements to insurance companies?

A: Insurance companies may try to use recorded statements against you. It's advisable to consult with an attorney before providing any statements to them.

Q: What kind of property owner negligence can lead to slip and fall claims?

A: Property owners have a duty to maintain safe premises. Negligence can involve failing to address spills, poor lighting, broken stairs, or other hazardous conditions.

Q: How long do I have to file a slip and fall claim in Colorado?

A: Colorado has a statute of limitations for personal injury claims, which typically limits the time you have to file a lawsuit. It's best to act quickly.

Q: What if the fall happened at a business open to the public?

A: Businesses have a responsibility to ensure their premises are safe for customers. This includes regular inspections and prompt cleanup of hazards.

Q: Can I still pursue a claim if I was partially at fault for the fall?

A: Colorado follows a 'modified comparative fault' rule. This means you may still recover damages even if you were partially responsible, as long as your fault is less than 50%.

Q: What types of damages can I recover in a slip and fall case?

A: You may be able to recover damages for medical expenses, lost wages, pain and suffering, and other related losses resulting from your injury.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for these FAQs:

■ Slip and Fall Accidents in Colorado Springs (Infographic)

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