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SLIP & FALL ACCIDENTS



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Slip and fall accidents happen, and injuries are often the result, but when the accident was caused by something outside of your control, you may wonder what rights you have.

The answer to this question is it depends! It depends on **HOW** and **WHERE** the accident happened.

It's not uncommon in Michigan to hear about slip and fall accidents on snow, or ice, or black ice, but the reality is, for injuries caused by a slip and fall accident on snow or ice or the like, there is no legal recourse.

Michigan courts are very liberal when it comes to slip and fall accidents, meaning more often than not the person who fell is held liable for their injuries, not the property owner, not the store owner, or whomever the owner is of the property you were walking on.

In fact, Michigan has a law called Open and Obvious. This law states that the individual walking does have a duty to be aware of their surroundings and hazards should be avoided at all costs, even if they are "hidden" so to speak. Snow and ice would be considered a hazard that should be "reasonably expected" and therefore the owner will not be held liable.



In addition, under Michigan law, there is also something known as “notice.” Notice means that you must notify the property owner of the exact location of your accident and the precise circumstances of your accident in a formal letter. However, where it gets tricky and not in favor of the victim is that in order for the owner to be liable it must be proven that owner knew about the hazard and had time to fix it.

Proving an owner knew or did not can be very difficult. That is why with most slip and fall accident cases in Michigan, the only cases where you may be able to hold an owner liable is slipping and falling at an apartment complex.

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