



Broken Subway Elevators and Escalators Create Dangerous Situations for Passengers, New York Personal Injury Lawyer David Resnick Says

New York City slip-and-fall attorney David Resnick of David Resnick & Associates, P.C., praises TV station's reporting on out-of-service escalators at some of Manhattan's busiest subway stations.

New York, NY ([PRWEB](#)) October 21, 2011 -- Malfunctioning escalators and elevators at New York City subway stations can mean more than inconvenience for commuters — they can also result in serious injuries, says [New York City slip-and-fall lawyer](#) David Resnick.

Reporters at Fox 5 News have been investigating and reporting on [out-of-service escalators and elevators](#) in Manhattan subway stations for several years, with a particular focus in recent months on a neglected escalator at the busy station at East 53rd Street and Lexington Avenue. As many as 1 in 11 transit authority escalators are inoperable at any time, according to Fox 5 News.

Resnick applauded the media outlet for raising public awareness about the hazards posed by malfunctioning escalators at public transit stations.

“Forcing crowds of people to walk the stairs increases the likelihood of a serious slip-and-fall injury, particularly for older riders, parents and their children,” said Resnick, whose [New York City personal injury law firm](#), David Resnick & Associates, P.C., represents clients throughout Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx and Staten Island who have been injured in [slip-and-fall lawsuits](#) – also called trip-and-fall or premises liability claims.

Resnick added that the congestion caused by insufficient escalators also puts people on the platform in danger. The TV reports showed that subway platforms often become overcrowded, and people face the risk of being shoved onto the tracks or into the path of a moving train because of the mob.

Fox 5 News has reported that some of the city's out-of-service subway station escalators are privately owned and operated through deals cut with the city, which granted variances to allow developers to construct larger buildings in exchange for installing and maintaining subway escalators.

“Regardless of whose responsibility it is to fix or replace the [broken subway station escalators and elevators](#), they must be made safe and functional as soon as possible to protect the safety of the thousands of passengers who pass through the stations daily,” Resnick said.

He pointed out that serious injuries frequently result from accidents on improperly maintained escalators and elevators. That's a major issue in an urban area like New York City, where escalators and elevators are a part of many people's daily routine. The New York City Department of Buildings says that there are about 60,000 elevators and 2,200 escalators in the city.

Older people are most at risk of being hurt in an elevator accident or an escalator accident, but small children are also in danger, Resnick said. More than 100 children were hurt in New York City elevator and escalator accidents during a recent 10-year period, and one child died, the New York City Department of Buildings reports.



Resnick stressed that it is crucial for victims of New York elevator and escalator accidents to seek legal counsel from a qualified New York City premises liability attorney. The owner and operator of the elevator or escalator could be held responsible for an accident if the device was not properly installed and maintained, he said.

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