



## **New York Slip-and-Fall Attorney Reminds Property Owners of Premises Liability, Duty to Clear Ice and Snow**

*David Resnick of David Resnick & Associates, P.C., says anticipated return of cold weather means a return of the necessity of eliminating slip-and-fall hazards.*

New York ([PRWEB](#)) January 10, 2012 -- [New York slip-and-fall attorney](#) David Resnick said today that an approaching cold weather system should remind businesses and property owners of their duty to keep walkways clear of ice and snow so that visitors do not run the risk of slip-and-fall injuries.

“New York property owners must always be mindful of their obligation to remove hazards such as ice and snow from their properties,” said Resnick of David Resnick & Associates, P.C., a [New York City personal injury firm](#) that represents individuals suffering personal injuries in [slip-and-fall accidents](#).

“It is a mistake to put off clearing a walkway of ice and snow, and expecting people to just be careful,” Resnick added. “When someone slips, falls down and is injured because of hazardous conditions, they are within their rights to look to the property owner first to assess blame.”

Resnick cited a recent [U.S. Climate Prediction Center forecast](#) for a mid-January cold front to bring winter back to the Northeast after several weeks of mild weather.

Those who may have fallen out of the habit of shoveling snow and ice should be careful not to neglect seasonal chores that become necessary in the next few days, he said.

“Property owners know the routine,” Resnick said. “Spread salt or sand before bad weather hits, and shovel, sweep and / or mop afterward. If it keeps someone from slipping and falling down, it’s well worth the effort.”

Resnick, whose law firm has obtained compensation for those injured in falls and other accidents throughout New York, said a property owner’s liability when a person suffers a slip-and-fall injury on their premises will vary according to the specific facts of the case. But, in general, a business or property owner may be liable if the owner:

- Knew about the dangerous condition, such as ice, snow or water, but did not take steps to correct it;
- Caused the unsafe condition, such as spilling liquid and not mopping it up; or
- Should have known about the hazard, as a reasonable person taking care of the property would have, and failed to correct the dangerous condition.

“A visitor can trip and fall, slip and fall, or otherwise fall down because of a variety of hazards, and the property owner may be held liable for damages that include the victim’s medical expenses, lost income and pain and suffering,” the New York premises liability lawyer said.

Resnick said anyone hurt in a fall should contact a lawyer experienced in New York premises liability claims, which are sometimes called “[slip-and-fall lawsuits](#).”



“Anyone who has been injured in a fall on someone else's property should report the accident to the property owner as soon as possible and gather names, addresses and telephone numbers of eyewitnesses,” Resnick said. “Get photos of where the injury occurred before the property owner can fix the hazard, and retain any and all documents related to the incident, your injuries and your recovery from your injuries.

“Owners have a duty to remove hazards from their property,” he added. “And those who are injured by a property owner’s negligence have rights that they should have an attorney protect.”

About David Resnick & Associates, P.C.

[David Resnick & Associates, P.C.](#), provides professional and compassionate legal assistance to victims of injury and negligence. Founded in 1998, the firm is experienced at handling multiple types of injury and negligence cases in New York City, including motor vehicle accidents, hit-and-run accidents, bicycle accidents, pedestrian injuries, trips and falls, construction accidents, premises liability and other kinds of personal injury and wrongful death claims.

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