



New York City Personal Injury Attorney Supports Falls Prevention Awareness Day

NYC personal injury lawyer David Resnick of David Resnick & Associates applauds national initiative that is aimed at raising public awareness about fall-related injuries and deaths among older adults.

New York, NY ([PRWEB](#)) September 22, 2010 -- New York City personal injury attorney David Resnick says Falls Prevention Awareness Day, scheduled for the first day of fall on September 23, serves as a valuable reminder that preventable falls are one of the leading causes of injuries, deaths, hospitalizations and emergency room visits among adults age 65 and older.

“A slip and fall, or a trip and fall, is not a random accident,” Resnick says. “All too often, older adults are injured or killed in a fall that was the direct result of a property owner ignoring risk factors and failing to provide a safe environment for the people on their premises.”

Resnick, a leading [New York City slip and fall lawyer](#), and his law firm, David Resnick & Associates, recently launched [www.nyc-slipandfall.com](#), a website that provides information to residents of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx and Staten Island on the factors that cause falls and the legal options that may be available to those harmed in a fall.

As the website points out, a slip and fall due to the negligence of a property owner can occur anywhere, including shopping malls, grocery stores, department stores, hotels, train stations and on sidewalks.

The website describes several New York City slip and fall cases successfully handled by David Resnick & Associates, including those involving elderly victims.

“A bad fall can cause a lot of pain and suffering and loss of income, and it can change a person’s life,” Resnick says. “When it happens because a property owner ignored a hazard, we believe the injured should be given prompt and full compensation.

“A lawsuit also protects others from future harm caused by the hazard. In my experience, in a New York City broken sidewalk case, it is a lawsuit following a fall that precipitates the sidewalk being repaired by the adjacent property owner.”

Although a serious fall can happen to a person of any age, statistics show that older New Yorkers are more susceptible to slip-and-fall accidents, with often devastating results for them and their families, Resnick says.

According to the New York State Department of Health, an average of 894 New York State residents ages 65 and older die each year from a fall, while nearly 50,000 are hospitalized.

Among those older New Yorkers who are hospitalized because of a fall, 10.8 percent suffer a traumatic brain injury, and 28.4 percent experience a hip fracture.

“An event such as Falls Prevention Awareness Day provides an excellent opportunity to increase public awareness about how to prevent and reduce these falls,” Resnick says of the national initiative that is being



spearheaded by the Falls Free™ Coalition, which includes 34 states (including New York) and 70 national organizations, professional associations and federal agencies.

Resnick says he hopes the September 23 event calls attention to the most common causes of slip and fall accidents, including clutter in walkways, aisles or stairs; icy, wet or uneven surfaces, such as sidewalks; poor lighting; and lack of railings or grab bars.

About David Resnick & Associates, P.C.

David Resnick & Associates, P.C. is a well-respected [New York City accident and personal injury law firm](#). The firm handles slip and fall cases, premises liability cases, automobile accidents, pedestrian accidents and other injury claims in New York City's five boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island and the Bronx. For more information or for a free, no-obligation case consultation, call (212) 279-2000 or use the firm's [online form](#).

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