

Residents are Displaced to Avoid Possible Injuries and New York Personal Injury Lawyers

Residents are moved after a building's fire escapes are discovered to be blocked, a move applauded by New York personal injury lawyers

NEW YORK, NEW YORK — December 8, 2010 — The Department of Buildings officials discovered heavy industrial gear and construction debris blocking several fire escapes and exits in a Bronx building at 1204 Shakespeare Ave. For their safety, residents were forced to leave their [unsafe building](#). This left about a hundred residents moving into several hotels around New York.

While residents were upset having to move so close to the holidays, a number of [New York personal injury lawyers](#) agree that the New York Fire Department made a correct decision.

"If a fire escape is blocked or improperly maintained, it can result in residents of the [unsafe building](#) being unnecessarily injured or killed by fire and a [personal injury lawsuit](#) for the building owners and managers," said [New York personal injury lawyer](#) David Perecman.

A landlord is required to maintain fire safety standards including a clear fire escape route and working fire detectors in common areas.

"It's important that every individual and family have a plan of escape in case a fire does occur. Residents should check to make sure their fire escape routes are not blocked whether they live in private homes or apartment buildings in New York," [personal injury lawyer](#) Perecman said.

The Red Cross is providing shelter for the almost 100 people evacuated from their apartment building. According to the *New York Post*, two violations were issued.

About David Perecman and The Perecman Firm, PLLC:

For the past 30 years, the New York scaffolding accident lawyers, medical malpractice, auto, construction accident, and, personal injury lawyers at The Perecman Firm, PLLC have championed all types of cases for medical malpractice and personal injury accidents. David Perecman, founder of the Firm, is a Board Director and the past Secretary and Treasurer of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA) and a chair of its Labor Law Committee. Mr. Perecman's achievements have brought him recognition as an Honoree in the National Law Journal's Hall of Fame, in New York Magazine's "The Best Lawyers in America" and The New York Times Magazine "New York Super Lawyers, Metro Edition" for the years 2007-2010.

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The Firm has recovered millions of dollars for its clients. Among the more recent victories, Mr. Perecman won a \$15 million verdict* for a construction accident, a \$5.35 million dollar verdict** for an automobile accident, and a

\$40 million dollar structured settlement for medical malpractice***.

*later settled while on appeal for \$7.940 million

** later settled for \$3.5 million

*** total potential payout

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