

Construction Debris May Have Caused Biker's Death, Says New York Construction Accident Lawyer

A woman bicyclist died after losing her balance near a pile of loose wood, falling and then getting run over by a car.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK — Unsecured construction site fencing that tipped over during Irene forced a bicyclist to swerve into the path of a passing car, reported *The New York Daily News*. Erica Abbott, 29, was killed in the [construction site related accident](#) in Bushwick, Brooklyn.

Witnesses say Abbott fell off her bike while riding through a construction site when the horn of a car sounded, causing her to lose her balance over a pile of wood in the bike lane. In the [construction debris accident](#), Erica Abbott lost control of her bike and fell in front of a passing Mercedes sedan, officers and witnesses said.

According to *The New York Daily News*, blame for Abbott's death is falling partly on the construction company in charge of the stalled construction site where she died. Abbott's family believes she would still be alive if construction debris had been cleared from the bike lane.

“Ensuring pedestrian safety in and around construction sites is extremely important at all times and locations in New York,” [construction accident lawyer](#) David Perelman said. “Requiring rules and safety procedures is equally vital to the public as to the construction workers on-site.”

The construction company listed at the site on Bushwick Avenue near Powers Street is YBG Construction.

The driver of the car that hit Abbott was not charged.

“Construction sites require a tremendous amount of care and vigilance when it comes to health and safety. As a number of New York construction accident lawyers have seen, construction accident injuries in New York and even some fatalities can be avoided through awareness of on-site safety procedures,” said [New York construction accident lawyer](#) Perelman. “Owners and site managers should have a plan that minimizes the chances of construction accidents caused by severe weather.”

Besides fallen barriers and construction site fencing, other [pedestrian hazards on construction sites](#) are cranes, uneven surfaces, falling objects, collapses, heavy machinery and hazardous substances.

“It is unacceptable for fallen safety barriers to force pedestrians and bicycle riders off sidewalks or out of a bicycle lane and into dangerous spots,” said [New York construction accident lawyer](#) Perelman.

Construction safety is crucial and should always take public safety into account as much as the safety of construction workers on the site. Setting rules and enforcing compliance can significantly reduce construction site injuries and fatalities, agree a number of New York construction accident lawyers.

“Construction sites need to prevent [construction site related injury](#) to construction workers and-or passerby under all circumstances,” said New York construction accident lawyer Perecman, a [New York construction accident lawyer for over 30 years](#). New York construction accident lawyers generally agree that construction sites need to have a clear and comprehensive plan in place for dealing with storms and high winds.

Following severe weather conditions, [New York construction accident lawyers](#) at The Perecman Firm, one of New York’s construction accident law firms, recommend that construction sites and equipment are thoroughly checked for damage which might impact the safety of employees, pedestrians, bicycle riders and other passerby.

“In addition to endangering the safety of construction workers on the sites, hazardous conditions can injure passersby in New York,” explained Perecman, the former head [New York construction accident lawyer](#) for the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, and a lecturer on construction accident law. “A construction company can not ignore safety concerns after any extreme weather conditions in New York. If the causes of a construction accident are avoidable, meaning that someone’s negligence was the cause of the construction accident, a [victim of the construction accident](#), or his or her family, can obtain financial compensation for the [construction accident injuries](#) or construction site death.”

About David Perecman and The Perecman Firm, PLLC:

For the past 30 years, the New York construction accident, medical malpractice, auto accident, and civil rights violation lawyers at The Perecman Firm, PLLC have handled all types of cases including age and disability discrimination. 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.

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****.

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