

Slip and Fall Injuries in the Workplace

One of the most counterintuitive things about workplace safety is that workplaces that most people think of as very dangerous are oftentimes more safety conscious in their procedures than are workplaces that most people think of as entirely safe. Some of the most dangerous jobs in the world, likewise, are not ones that you would normally think of as dangerous at all. For example, a janitor is at risk of having serious slip and fall injuries when they're working at cleaning floors, stairways and other areas where the surfaces may become slippery because of the water and cleaning materials used.

In an office, there are oftentimes a host of hazards related to slip and fall injuries. For example, it's not terribly uncommon for office personnel to run cords across a busy floor to save time. These may be the cords used to attach printers to computers or power cords for various appliances. These are genuine hazards to everybody in the office. Because people aren't normally looking for trip hazards when they're walking around their offices, they may well be caught by surprise and take a nasty spill. If the business that owns the office is allowing this sort of unsafe behavior to carry on, they may be negligent.

Restaurant workers endure some of the most dangerous conditions where slip and fall injuries are concerned. In a slippery kitchen, as any experienced food preparation crew knows, having the right footwear is imperative to remaining safe. Having good rubber mats and regularly cleaning grease off the floors are also imperative to making sure that the crew is not put in excessive danger of taking a spill and injuring themselves. Given the danger presented by some of the equipment the kitchen crews work around, slip and fall injuries have the potential to be fatal in their cases.

If you work in a workplace where a slip and fall injury that could have been avoided caused you harm, consider contacting a personal injury law firm. When you do, a personal injury attorney will likely want to meet with you to discuss your case. They may determine that you have cause to file a lawsuit that could win a financial compensation sufficient to cover your medical bills, lost wages and other expenses. Pain and suffering are sometimes sued for as well, and the parties being sued sometimes come forward and offer a settlement amount instead of going to trial.