

New York Personal Injury Attorney Reacts to Woman Trapped and Dragged by Elevator

A woman suffers serious personal injury after getting her leg caught between an elevator car and the shaft wall.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK -- December XX, 2010 A woman visiting a patient at SUNY Downtown Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York got her leg pinned between an elevator car and the shaft wall. The 47-year-old woman was trapped with her leg sticking out of the door. In a nightmarish [elevator accident](#) scenario, she was dragged up eight floors with her leg stuck in that position.

[New York personal injury attorneys](#) following the story know that firefighters needed more than an hour to free the woman, and had to use the jaws of life to save her. *The New York Times* reported that the woman was treated for “major trauma” and “major loss of blood.”

She is in critical condition and it is still not clear if her mangled leg could be saved.

“Elevator owners, elevator manufacturers, maintenance companies, and operators have an obligation to ensure the safety of each and every rider in New York,” personal injury attorney David Perecman said.

The New York City Department of Buildings supervises more than 60,000 elevators in New York. Elevators in the city are required to be inspected at least three times every two years and tested at least one a year in New York. Personal injury attorneys who practice in New York understand that the inspectors can come from the New York City Department of Buildings or can be private inspectors contracted by the department.

If the cause of the accident is due to the construction of the elevator or any of its parts or improper maintenance or repair then a [New York personal injury attorney](#) may conclude that the manufacturer of the elevator, elevator maintenance company, has a responsibility for the elevator accident related personal injuries. Building owners and managers can also be held liable for [elevator accident injuries](#). Elevator or landlord were negligent. Maintenance companies can be held liable for personal injuries sustained in an elevator accident if a personal injury can be linked to faulty repairs or improper maintenance company. Certain accidents involving elevators involve a presumption that a maintenance company or landlord were negligent.

An individual who suffers an [elevator accident personal injury](#), needs to consider who he or she will face in court. The New York personal injury attorneys at The Perecman Firm represent clients who have suffered serious personal injury due to [dangerous and defective elevators](#). In New York, a personal injury attorney handling this type of personal injury law suit should have an expert understanding of how elevators work and how they are maintained, in addition to a familiarity with New York building codes, inspection procedures, and industry standards.

[Elevator accidents](#) can occur in all types of stores, buildings, including hospitals, malls, schools, and airports.

About David Perecman and The Perecman Firm, PLLC:

For the past 30 years, the personal injury accident, auto accident, construction accident, and medical malpractice lawyers at The Perecman Firm, PLLC have championed all types of cases concerning personal injury. 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, \$680,000 for a woman injured by a bus***, 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

*** later settled for \$500,000

****total potential payout

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