

Freight Elevator Falls 3 Floors, New York Personal Injury Lawyer Says Elevator Accidents More Common Than People Think

Nearly two dozen men were injured in an elevator accident when a freight elevator malfunctioned in Chelsea.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK – A freight elevator malfunctioned and crashed into a basement in Chelsea, according to the *New York Post*. Four people were seriously hurt and ten others suffered minor injuries in the [New York elevator accident](#).

“Although not as common as construction accidents or auto accidents, [elevator accidents resulting in injury or death](#) happen more often than people think,” New York personal injury lawyer David Perecman said.

As reported, the elevator suddenly plunged three floors shortly before 7 a.m. It was carrying 24 men, all construction workers.

The [elevator accident](#) occurred at the Bed, Bath and Beyond on Sixth Avenue near West 19th Street.

As reported, the Buildings Department discovered that a faulty elevator brake was defective, which caused the elevator accident. The DOB issued a violation to the owner because the freight elevator was not even supposed to be carrying passengers.

“Elevators need to be maintained and serviced on a regular basis. Many times, [elevator accidents](#) occur because of negligence in the maintenance of the elevator in New York,” personal injury lawyer Perecman said.

People injured in a New York elevator accident should contact an expert New York [personal injury lawyer with elevator accident experience](#). Elevator accident cases are complex and require an experienced elevator accident lawyer with knowledge of how elevators function, applicable building codes, inspection requirements and safety precautions, as well as maintenance and preventive maintenance programs. Elevator accident cases in New York also require an understanding of how the components of elevators interrelate, knowledge of industry standards, and knowledge of New York laws.

A [New York personal injury lawyer](#) with elevator accident experience can also help to gather evidence and lead the team of elevator experts, engineers, and witnesses, as needed.

Who is held liable for injuries and deaths sustained in a New York elevator accident usually depends on the circumstances surrounding the incident.

In New York, personal injury lawyers at [The Perceman Firm](#) have more than thirty years of experience representing elevator accident victims throughout New York.

In the case of [New York elevator accidents](#) that result in injury or death, the victim and his or her family can take the responsible party to court for medical costs, lost wages, loss of benefits, and pain and suffering.

About David Perceman and The Perceman Firm, PLLC:

For the past 30 years, the personal injury accident, auto accident, construction accident, and medical malpractice lawyers at The Perceman Firm, PLLC have championed all types of cases concerning personal injury. David Perceman, 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. Perceman'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. Perceman 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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