

# Woman Dies in Dry Cleaning Accident in New York, Injury Lawyer Investigates

**A woman is crushed to death at work after her scarf gets caught in a machine.**

NEW YORK, NEW YORK – A woman was crushed to death at the dry cleaner where she worked. Limin Min Huang was loading towels into an industrial steamer when her scarf got caught in the machine.

The accident at work left her brain dead.

According to her manager, Huang was looking into the machine and she forgot she was wearing a scarf. The scarf became caught in the machine and it pulled her in before stopping.

There are many dangers associated with working at a dry cleaner. Chemical, fire, and ergonomic-related hazards are all risks connected to the dry cleaning processes. Dry cleaning workers risk exposure to hazardous chemicals commonly used in dry cleaning shops including Perchloroethylene (PERC). This chemical is a potential human carcinogen, and one of the most commonly used dry cleaning solvents. Symptoms associated with chemical exposure include: damage to the liver and kidneys; depression of the central nervous system; impaired memory; confusion; dizziness; headache; drowsiness; and eye, nose, and throat irritation. Regulations limit the level of fume concentration in the workplace, but inhalation of toxic fumes occurs.

Danger of a work-related injury is almost always present when people are working around moving machinery. Dangerous machines can trap, cut, or crush body parts and cause workplace injuries, or even death. Huang's type of workplace accident is unfortunately not rare. Work accidents caused by loose clothes or jewelry which became caught on the moving parts of a machine are accidents the New York personal injury lawyers at the Pereco Firm are familiar with.

New York personal injury lawyer David Pereco also knows employee inexperience as well as complacency with machinery can also lead to accidents at work. People who work with machinery should always receive training from their employer on how to operate the machines correctly and should also be provided with the relevant safety wear by their employer necessary to operate the machine.

"Most machinery can also be dangerous if it is not maintained, protected or used properly," said New York personal injury lawyer Pereco. "Dangerous machines can cause life-changing injuries to people. In the most serious of

cases, workers have been killed by dangerous machinery.”

If you or someone you love has been injured by a dangerous machine in the workplace, contact a personal injury lawyer at The Perecman Firm to learn more about accident compensation.

“If a person suffers a traumatic life changing injury caused by a dangerous machine at work, it is only right that he or she is compensated for injuries,” said New York personal injury lawyer Perecman.

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

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