

New York Construction Worker Injured in a 35-Foot Fall, New York Construction Accident Lawyer Comments

Hal Kaplan, a construction worker on the Gowanus Canal flushing tunnel fell from a below-ground ladder into the pit of a hole.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK — The fall of a Brooklyn construction worker early yesterday afternoon reminded New Yorkers how dangerous construction work is.

According to *The New York Times*, Hal Kaplan, 39, fell between 35 and 40 feet off a ladder and into the pit of a hole at the construction site of the Gowanus Canal flushing tunnel. He was working on a below-ground ladder at the time of the [construction accident in New York](#).

A city official said, Kaplan had landed on his legs and back side.

“Now the cause of the construction fall accident must be found, so similar construction accidents can be prevented in the future,” said David Perecman, one of the [leading construction accident lawyers in New York City](#).

Kaplan was lifted from the hole and rushed from the construction site on Columbia and DeGraw Street to Lutheran Hospital. At last report, he was in critical condition.

[New York construction accident lawyers](#) understand that construction job sites are one of the most dangerous places to work in the U.S. In fact, construction is considered one of the five most dangerous jobs in America. Construction workers who work at elevated heights are always at risk of suffering serious injuries or other [construction related accidents](#). Even a fall from two feet can prove fatal.

According to OSHA, falls are the leading cause of worker fatalities. It is estimated that [falls](#) cause approximately 30% of all [construction accident deaths and injuries](#).

In 2010, [New York construction accident lawyer](#) Perecman secured the 4th largest New York workplace accident verdict of 2010 after winning a case involving a worker who was injured on the job after falling 12 feet from an extension ladder.

It is still unreported why the construction worker fell in Brooklyn. However, there are a number of factors that cause falls at a construction site. At the average construction site, the construction terrain is often uneven and full of debris. Unidentified wall openings and holes in walking or working surfaces can create fall hazards, as can unprotected sides and edges of buildings. Ladders that are not well maintained or unstable can lead to a construction fall accident. Scaffolding may collapse or lack a fall-protection system to keep workers safe. Worker training and the weather have also been cited as causes of

construction fall accidents.

“Working in the construction industry is dangerous. Safety must be an absolute priority on any construction site,” said New York construction accident lawyer Perecman, a construction accident lawyer for over 30 years.

Falls on construction sites can often be fatal for construction workers. Then, even if a worker does not die, a worker who is [injured in a construction fall accident](#) may suffer permanent disability.

Should a person choose to file a [New York construction accident lawsuit](#), the person who was injured or their family can claim damages related to the fall. This may include costs for past and future medical care, lost wages, and even pain and suffering. A New York construction accident lawyer that has experience and expertise in New York construction accident law can help those looking into filing a claim for a fall at a construction site or any other [construction accident related injury](#).

David Perecman and his team of [New York construction accident lawyers](#) at The Perecman Firm have won hundreds of millions of dollars in settlements and verdicts for clients injured or killed in construction accidents. Construction workers who have been injured in a construction fall accident in New York should [contact a New York construction accident lawyer](#) to make sure they are getting [maximum compensation for construction accident](#) pain, lost wages, and suffering.

About David Perecman and The Perecman Firm, PLLC:

For the past 30 years, the personal injury accident, auto accident, scaffold 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***.

*later settled while on appeal for \$7.940 million

** later settled for \$3.5 million

*** total potential payout

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