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## Falling in the Food Store

Did you know that a business is not automatically responsible for water causing harm to a patron at the entrance of a store? One of the most commonplace inquiries to our office involves a <u>client falling</u> on tracked-in water when entering a food store or other business. We hear from clients that there was not a <u>slip mat</u> or that it was soiled, and that is why they fell. <u>Slip mats</u> are provided as a courtesy in order to help prevent a fall.

With spring approaching and the weather shifting into the rainy season, wet floors will become more common when entering a building. Most of the time when you walk into a building you will see a sign stating "Wet Floor" along with a slip mat. The building, by placing a slip mat and or a sign "Wet Floor", is warning you that a <u>hazardous condition</u> may exist. If you chose to take a chance and walk through without taking any precaution, the store owner may try point to the sign and say you were not paying attention. It is a good idea to tread lightly this spring and pay attention to what is on the floor right in front of you.

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