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## LEGAL BULLETIN



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### The Dangers of Ice: Understanding Slip-and-Fall Liability

#### NY INJURY LAW NEWS

Ice is often treated as an inconvenience, but in reality, it is one of the most dangerous conditions New Yorkers face each winter. A single slip can cause life-altering injuries, including sprains, broken bones, herniated spinal discs, and traumatic brain injuries. For elderly individuals these falls can be devastating, permanently changing their independence and quality of life.

Many serious slip-and-fall cases involve **commercial properties**—places that invite the public onto their premises. Retailers, apartment complexes, and construction sites have a responsibility to address known hazards. Over the years, we've seen people injured after slipping on untreated ice in store parking lots,

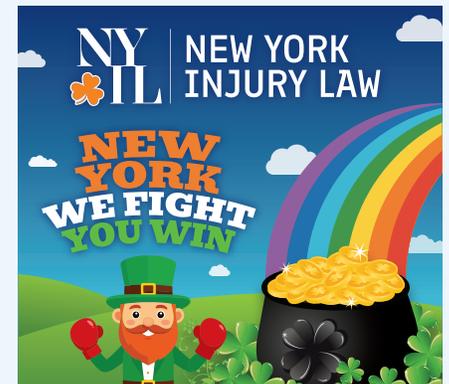
on icy job sites, and while navigating icy stairways at apartment buildings.

Legally, the key issue in these cases is **notice**. A property owner must have had notice of the icy condition for a case to succeed. Notice can be **actual**, meaning they knew about the ice, or **constructive**, meaning the ice existed long enough that they should have known. Without notice, a case may be dismissed. With it, there is often a strong path to recovery.

At New York Injury Law, we hold negligent property owners accountable when dangerous conditions are ignored—because these injuries are preventable, and people deserve better.

### New York Injury Law Proud to Support the Shamrock Run & Parade

#### COMMUNITY NEWS



When Kingston turns green for St. Patrick's Day, New York Injury Law will be there from start to finish. This year, our team is proud to support the Shamrock Run by being at the starting line, cheering on runners as they kick off one of the Hudson Valley's most popular traditions.

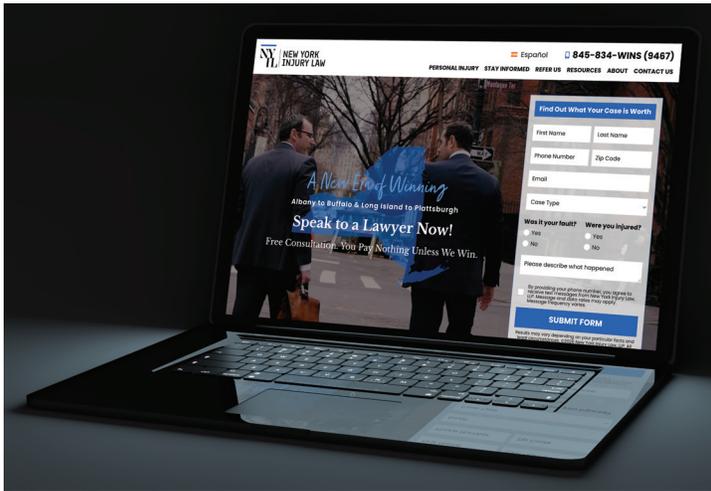
Before the race, NYIL team members will be on hand offering encouragement and handing out free NYIL drawstring backpacks to participants and spectators. It's our way of supporting a community event that brings people together around health, fun, and local pride.

After the run, keep an eye out for the NYIL float in the St. Patrick's Parade, where we'll be waving, smiling, and celebrating alongside families, friends, and neighbors.

At New York Injury Law, we're proud to stand with the people we serve — not only when they need legal help, but when it's time to celebrate what makes our region special.

Happy St. Patrick's Day — we'll see you at the starting line and along the parade route!

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### A Faster Way to Get Help: New York Injury Law Launches a Smarter Website

After an accident, the last thing anyone wants is confusion or delay. When you're hurt, you don't want to search, wait, or wonder who to call — you want help right away.

That's why **New York Injury Law** has launched a newly redesigned website built around one simple idea: **making it easier than ever to reach a lawyer when you need one most.**

The new site allows injured people to connect instantly by phone, email, or quick online forms, any time of day or night. Behind the scenes, smart technology alerts the legal team immediately, triggers automatic follow-ups, and provides fast responses so you're never left waiting or worrying. It's designed to give clients immediate peace of mind, knowing their situation is already in caring, capable hands.

Because accidents don't follow business hours, neither do we. **NYIL is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

Visit **NewYorkInjuryLaw.net** and get the help you deserve.

### WINNING SMILES



### Slipped & Injured While Renting? You May Have a Strong Case

#### LEGAL NEWS

In a video posted on TikTok (scan QR Code), John DeGasperis, attorney at New York Injury Law, breaks down a situation many New Yorkers can relate to. A man leaves his rental home, steps onto icy stairs, and slips hard.

At first glance, some people might assume the injured person is at fault—especially because he's wearing flip-flops in winter conditions.

But the law isn't that simple.

Landlords have a legal duty to maintain common areas, including stairs, walkways, and entryways, so tenants can safely get in and out of their homes. If ice is allowed to accumulate and the landlord had notice—either because they knew about it or because it existed long enough that they should have known—that failure can amount to negligence.

Yes, footwear will almost certainly be raised as a defense. Insurance companies love to argue that an injured person “should have known better.” But improper footwear does not automatically eliminate liability. New York law looks at comparative fault, meaning responsibility can be shared. Even if a tenant made a poor footwear choice, a landlord can still be held accountable for unsafe conditions.

As John explains, these cases are often very winnable when the facts support notice and neglect. Ice-related injuries are preventable, and landlords who ignore dangerous conditions should be held responsible.

An experienced personal injury attorney can evaluate whether proper maintenance procedures were followed and whether evidence like weather records or surveillance footage supports your claim.

If you or someone you love was injured on icy rental property, the details matter—and the right legal guidance can make all the difference.

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