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NEW YORK INJURY LAW

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Product Liability in Industrial Settings — A Hidden Right Many Workers Overlook

NY INJURY LAW NEWS

Defective household products can cause serious injury, but industrial equipment failures are often catastrophic. At New York Injury Law, we represent workers hurt by machinery in a variety of industrial settings.

High-Stakes Injuries Require High-Stakes Advocacy

This year alone, we secured more than \$3.25 million in product-liability recoveries for workers injured by malfunctioning equipment, including cases involving:

- Crushed legs in balers
- Amputated fingers in compactors
- Conveyor-belt failures causing falls
- Electrocutions
- Drownings tied to equipment malfunction

Many workers believe Workers' Compensation is their only option. In reality, when a machine causes the injury, they may also pursue a product-liability claim against the manufacturer, distributor, or designer.

Supply Chains, Complex Claims

Many machines are manufactured overseas, making claims complex but fully actionable. We work with engineers and forensic experts to identify failures and show safer alternatives.

Standing Up for Injured Workers

Manufacturers must ensure their products are safe. When they do not—and workers are harmed—we hold them accountable. If you were injured by a machine at work, you may have rights beyond Workers' Compensation.

Teambuilding: A Community Halloween Celebration for All

COMMUNITY NEWS



This past Halloween, several local organizations came together to ensure every child enjoyed a fun and safe holiday experience. New Leaf Prosperity LLC, The Broadway Bubble, Thrive On, Black Women of NY, and Radio Kingston worked in partnership to create a vibrant community event filled with activities for families across the area.

Children enjoyed trunk-or-treating, face painting, crafts, cookie decorating, games, and a pumpkin patch in the community garden. Families also gathered for movies and seasonal treats, creating a warm and welcoming space for joy, connection, and celebration—especially for those living in temporary housing.

New York Injury Law was proud to donate and stand alongside so many dedicated community partners who share a deep commitment to making the Hudson Valley a brighter place for every family.



A Look at Consumer Product Failures REAL CASES, REAL WINS

A recent case from our office shows how even a simple household product can be dangerous when manufacturers or retailers fail to ensure proper assembly and safety.

A Chair Sold as “Fully Assembled”

Our client bought an office chair advertised as ready to use. Days later, while working from home, they leaned back and the right armrest suddenly gave way. The chair collapsed, causing a fall and acute lower-back injuries.

What the Investigation Found

Loose bolts were discovered on the floor. An inspection confirmed the armrest failed due to missing or improperly installed screws. The chair was defective from the moment it left the store.

The Larger Point

Consumers have the right to hold manufacturers and retailers accountable—even when a product seems ordinary or “pre-assembled.”

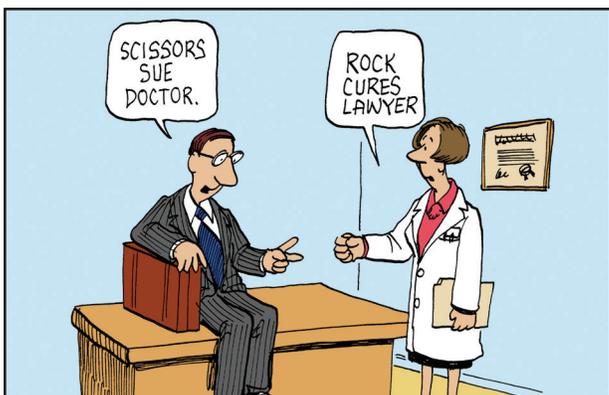
You May Have a Claim

If a chair, appliance, tool, or any household item fails and causes injury, you may have a product-liability claim. These cases often involve:

- Improper assembly
- Missing hardware
- Unsafe design
- Lack of warnings or instructions

When everyday products fail, the injuries are real—and your rights matter.

WINNING SMILES



How Do You Get Your Money Back If You Are Out of Work Due to an Injury?

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When someone is injured because of another party’s negligence, one of the most immediate concerns is financial: How do I recover the income I lost while I could not work? New York law provides a clear framework to ensure that injured people are compensated for both their physical harm and the economic impact that follows. Personal-injury claims are designed to make people whole, and they do so through two primary categories of compensation: (1) general damages and (2) special damages.

General Damages: The Human Impact

General damages address the non-economic consequences of an injury—losses that cannot be measured with receipts but that deeply affect a person’s life. In New York State, these damages include:

- Pain and suffering
- Loss of enjoyment of life
- Emotional distress
- Physical limitations or disability
- The overall impact on one’s quality of life

These damages recognize that an injury touches every aspect of daily living, from physical comfort to emotional stability.

Special Damages: The Economic Harm Unique to You

Special damages compensate for the direct financial losses caused

by an injury. These losses are specific to each individual and reflect the real economic burden the injury creates. In New York, special damages include:

- Lost wages from missed work
- Reduced future earning capacity
- Medical bills and expenses
- Rehabilitation and therapy costs
- Lost opportunities or prepaid plans, such as vacations
- Any other financial loss directly related to the incident

How These Damages Work Together

Both types of damages contribute to a complete recovery:

- **General damages** compensate for the personal, emotional, and physical impact.
- **Special damages** reimburse the financial losses tied directly to the injury.

Our Commitment to Your Recovery

At New York Injury Law, we are committed to helping injured New Yorkers pursue the full measure of compensation permitted under the law—including the recovery of lost wages and other economic losses. We understand the financial strain that follows an unexpected injury, and we work diligently to ensure our clients receive the complete and fair compensation they deserve and require in order to move forward.