

# STEADY GROUND



**YOUR LEGAL GUIDE TO SLIP AND FALL**

**ACCIDENTS IN FLORIDA**



*Injured on the go?*  
**JustCallMoe.com**

[WWW.JUSTCALLMOE.COM](http://WWW.JUSTCALLMOE.COM)

# Table of Contents

- 03** **Introduction:** Understanding the Importance of Slip and Fall Laws
- 05** **Chapter 1:** When a Misstep Becomes a Lawsuit – What Constitutes a Slip and Fall Accident?
- 14** **Chapter 2:** 7 Steady Steps – What to Do After a Slip and Fall Incident
- 20** **Chapter 3:** Insurances - Financial and Legal Impacts of Slip and Fall Accidents
- 28** **Chapter 4:** Understanding Comparative Negligence – When Fault is Shared
- 32** **Chapter 5:** When Slip and Fall Accidents Turn Fatal – Seeking Justice After Tragedy
- 36** **Chapter 6:** Filing a Slip and Fall Lawsuit – Your Roadmap to Justice
- 42** **Chapter 7:** FAQs About Slip and Fall Cases in Florida
- 46** **Regaining Balance:** Securing the Compensation You Deserve After a Slip and Fall



# INTRODUCTION:

## Understanding the Importance of Slip and Fall Laws



Slip and fall accidents are more than embarrassing mishaps—they can lead to life-altering injuries and unexpected financial burdens. In Florida, where property owners are held to a high standard of care, knowing your legal rights after such incidents is essential. Whether you tripped on an uneven sidewalk or slipped on a wet floor in a grocery store, understanding Florida’s premises liability laws can make all the difference in protecting your rights and securing compensation.

Slip and fall cases are governed by specific statutes, including Florida Statute § 768.0755, which outlines the obligations of property owners. These laws emphasize the importance of maintaining safe environments for visitors and highlight the need for victims to act promptly in pursuing their claims.



Whether you're dealing with injuries, medical expenses, or lost wages, this guide is here to help you every step of the way.

This guide is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of slip and fall laws in Florida, equipping you with the knowledge to handle these incidents confidently. From defining what constitutes a slip and fall accident to learning how to undergo the legal process, each chapter is tailored to address the key aspects of these cases. You'll learn about the common causes of these accidents, steps to take after an incident, and how comparative negligence might impact your claim.

By the end of this e-book, you'll not only understand the legal framework surrounding slip and fall cases in Florida but also feel empowered to take the necessary steps toward recovery and justice. Let's dive in and ensure that you're well-prepared to stand on solid ground—both literally and legally!



CHAPTER 1:

# WHEN A MISSTEP BECOMES A LAWSUIT

**What Constitutes**

**a Slip and Fall Accident?**



*Injured on the go?*  
**JustCallMoe.com**



Slip and fall accidents might seem like everyday occurrences, but legally, they are complex cases that require a clear understanding of Florida's premises liability laws. Let's explore what defines a slip and fall case, the responsibilities of property owners, and how your legal status as a visitor matters.

## Defining a Slip and Fall Accident

A slip and fall accident occurs when a person loses balance and falls due to hazardous conditions on another party's property. These hazards can include:

- 1 | Wet Floors:** Spills, leaks, or recently mopped areas without adequate warning signs.
- 2 | Uneven Surfaces:** Cracked pavement, potholes, or uneven flooring.
- 3 | Cluttered Walkways:** Obstructions such as boxes, cords, or debris that make walking paths unsafe.
- 4 | Inadequate Lighting:** Poor visibility that conceals potential hazards.
- 5 | Defective Stairs or Railings:** Broken steps, missing handrails, or unstable platforms.

In Florida, such incidents fall under premises liability, a legal concept holding property owners accountable for maintaining a reasonably safe environment for visitors.





## Premises Liability in Florida: What Does the Law Say?

Florida Statute § 768.0755 governs liability for slip and fall accidents involving transitory foreign substances in business establishments. Key highlights include:

✓ **Proof of Knowledge:** The injured party must prove that the property owner knew—or should have known—about the hazardous condition and failed to address it.

✓ **Reasonable Care:** Owners are expected to conduct routine inspections and maintain their premises to minimize risks.

For example, if a grocery store fails to clean up a spilled liquid within a reasonable timeframe, it may be held liable for injuries caused by the spill.



## Slip and Fall Cases in Public and Private Spaces

Slip and fall incidents can happen anywhere—whether on a public sidewalk, in a private home, or at a business. However, the legal implications vary significantly depending on the type of property involved.

### PUBLIC PROPERTY CLAIMS: SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

Slip and fall cases on public property, such as government buildings, parks, or sidewalks, are governed by Florida Statute § 768.28. This law allows individuals to file claims against government entities for negligence but imposes strict guidelines:

- ✓ **Sovereign Immunity**  
**Limitations:** The state waives immunity in certain circumstances, but damages are capped at \$200,000 per individual and \$300,000 per incident.
- ✓ **Notice**  
**Requirements:** Claimants must provide written notice to the government agency involved before filing a lawsuit.
- ✓ **Burden of**  
**Proof:** Victims must demonstrate that the government entity knew or should have known about the hazard and failed to address it.





## PRIVATE PROPERTY RESPONSIBILITIES

For private spaces, including homes, retail stores, or rental properties, the legal obligations of property owners are outlined in Florida Statute § 768.0755.

Owners must:

- ✓ **Maintain Safe Conditions:** Conduct regular inspections and repair hazards promptly.
- ✓ **Warn of Known Risks:** Clearly mark temporary dangers like wet floors.
- ✓ **Accommodate Invitees and Licensees:** Provide a reasonable level of care based on the visitor’s status.

Slip and fall cases in both public and private spaces require careful consideration of the laws and circumstances. Understanding these distinctions is key to building a strong claim and ensuring justice.

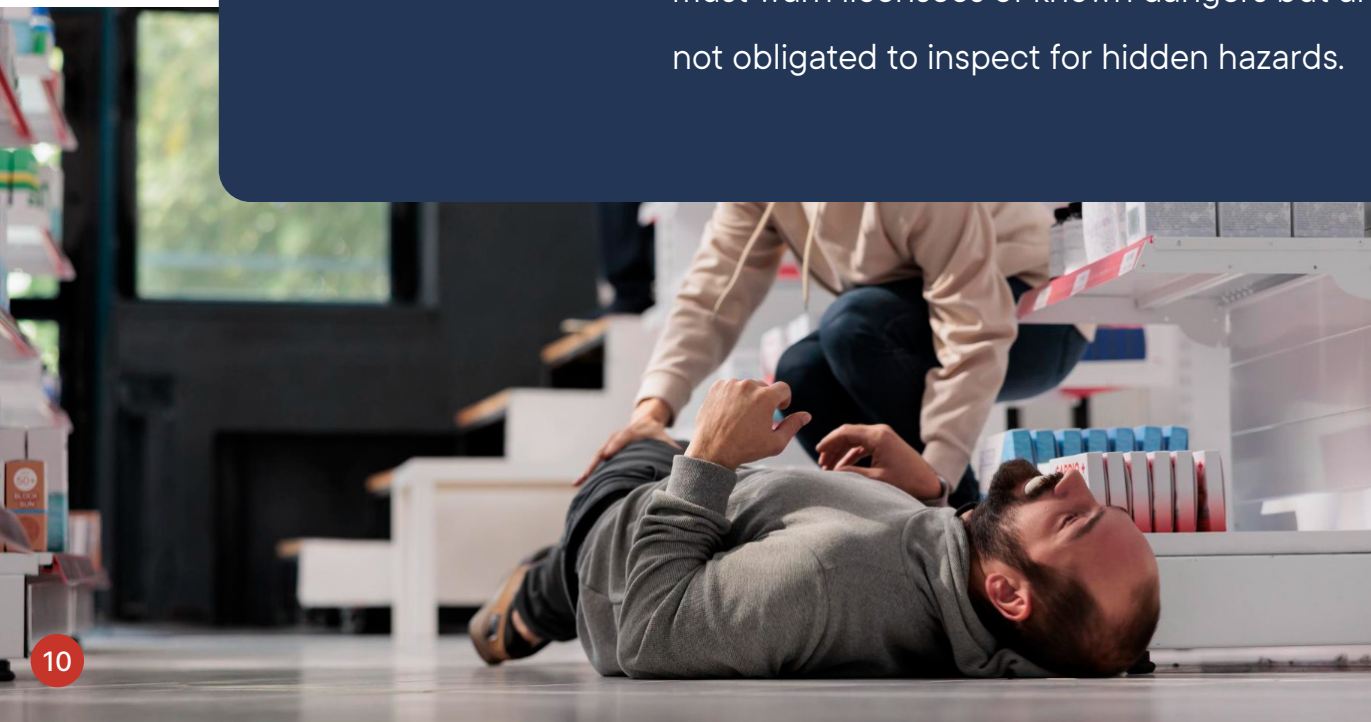


## Visitor Types and Legal Implications

Florida law differentiates between three types of visitors, which impacts the property owner's duty of care:

**1 Invitees:** Individuals invited onto the property for mutual benefit, such as customers in a store. Property owners owe the highest duty of care to invitees, including regular inspections and immediate hazard resolution.

**2 Licensees:** Social guests or individuals allowed on the property for non-business reasons. Owners must warn licensees of known dangers but are not obligated to inspect for hidden hazards.



**3 Trespassers:** Individuals who enter the property without permission. Generally, property owners owe no duty of care to trespassers, except to avoid willful harm. However, special rules apply to child trespassers under the attractive nuisance doctrine, such as if a property contains an unsecured pool.

Understanding these distinctions is crucial in determining liability and the strength of your slip and fall claim in Florida. Whether you're an invitee tripping in a store aisle or a licensee slipping on a poorly maintained patio, knowing your rights is the first step toward seeking justice.

## **Slippery Situations – Common Causes of Slip and Fall Accidents**

Slip and fall accidents can occur anywhere, but certain conditions and negligent behaviors make them more likely. Recognizing these common causes can help victims understand the basis of their claims and strengthen their case.





## Environmental Hazards

One of the leading causes of slip and fall accidents is environmental hazards, which property owners are obligated to address. Examples include:



### **Wet Floors:**

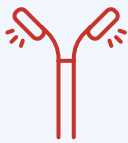
Spills, leaks, or freshly mopped surfaces without warning signs create slippery conditions.



### **Damaged**

### **Walkways:**

Cracked pavements, potholes, and loose tiles are common culprits.



### **Poor**

### **Lighting:**

Dimly lit areas can obscure hazards, making accidents more likely.

## Negligent Maintenance

Slip and fall accidents often stem from a lack of proper maintenance. Property owners who neglect their responsibilities may leave hazards unaddressed, such as:

- > Ignored repairs, such as broken stairs or handrails.
- > Recurring hazards, like chronic leaks that create slippery surfaces.
- > Overlooked inspections, failing to identify and fix unsafe conditions.

Florida Statute § 768.0755 underscores the importance of regular property inspections to prevent such incidents.



## Weather and External Factors

Natural conditions can also contribute to slip and fall accidents, particularly in Florida, where sudden rain showers following hurricanes are common (See: Guide for Property Owners with Hurricane Damage in Florida Ebook). Examples include:

- > **Rainwater:** Slippery entryways caused by wet shoes or umbrellas.
- > **Moss or Algae Growth:** Outdoor walkways that become slick in humid conditions.
- > **Ice and Snow:** Rare but possible in northern areas of Florida during winter.

While property owners cannot control the weather, they are expected to mitigate its impact by installing slip-resistant mats or clearing walkways promptly.

By identifying these causes, victims can better communicate how their accident occurred and hold negligent property owners accountable to claim the compensation they deserve.



CHAPTER 2:

# 7 STEADY STEPS

What to Do After

a Slip and Fall Incident



*Injured on the go?*  
**JustCallMoe.com**





Experiencing a slip and fall can be overwhelming, but your actions immediately following the incident can significantly impact your health, safety, and legal rights.

***In Florida, protecting your interests means acting swiftly and strategically.***

Take these 7 steps to ensure you're on solid footing after an accident:

## **01** Seek Medical Attention Immediately

Your health is the top priority. Even if your injuries appear minor, it's crucial to seek medical care as soon as possible. Some injuries, like concussions or internal damage, might not be immediately visible but can worsen over time. A visit to a doctor also creates a formal medical record, which is critical for building your legal case.

**Example:** After slipping on a wet supermarket floor, a victim initially felt fine but later discovered they had sustained a fractured wrist. Medical documentation helped them secure compensation.



## 02

## Report the Incident

Notify the property owner, store manager, or landlord about the accident as soon as possible. Request an incident report to document the details formally. Be clear and concise when describing the event, but avoid admitting fault or downplaying your injuries.

**PRO TIP** Ask for a copy of the incident report for your records. This document serves as vital evidence if you pursue a claim.

## 03

## Gather Evidence at the Scene

Collecting evidence immediately after the fall can make or break your case. Florida law places the burden of proof on the injured party, meaning it's up to you to show that the property owner's negligence caused the accident.



**Take Photos:** Capture images of the hazard that caused your fall, such as a puddle, broken tiles, or poor lighting.



**Talk to Witnesses:** Obtain contact information and statements from anyone who saw the accident. Eyewitness accounts can corroborate your version of events.





**Preserve  
Damaged  
Items:**

Keep clothing, shoes, or belongings damaged in the fall. For instance, slippery soles can show why a hazard is dangerous.

## 04 Document Everything

Create a personal account of the accident as soon as possible, noting details such as:

- > The time and location of the fall.
- > Weather conditions if the accident occurred outdoors.
- > Conversations with property staff or bystanders.

This record strengthens your case by providing a clear, detailed narrative of the incident.





**05**

## Consult a Personal Injury Attorney

Florida's premises liability laws can be complex, making it essential to seek legal advice promptly. An experienced attorney will assess your case, help you understand your rights, and negotiate with insurance companies or file a lawsuit on your behalf effectively.

### **WHY AN ATTORNEY MATTERS:**

- > They will determine whether the property owner violated Florida Statute § 768.0755.
- > Attorneys can subpoena security footage or records showing previous complaints about the hazard.
- > They will handle communications with insurers, ensuring you're not pressured into a lowball settlement.

**06**

## Notify Your Insurance Provider

Even if you plan to file a claim against the property owner, inform your insurance provider of the incident. Some policies may provide limited coverage for medical expenses, which can be reimbursed later.



**07****Protect Your Case**

Avoid discussing the accident on social media or with unauthorized individuals. Insurance adjusters might monitor your statements to undermine your claim. Let your attorney handle all communications and ensure your case remains airtight.

**Pro Tip for Florida Slip and Fall Cases****ACT QUICKLY!**

Florida's statute of limitations for personal injury cases is two years from the date of the incident. Missing this deadline could prevent you from seeking compensation. Cases DO NOT get better with age. The sooner you speak to an attorney and file a claim, the better!

By following these steps, you set yourself up for a stronger case and maximize your chances of securing the compensation you deserve.



CHAPTER 3:

# INSURANCE

## Financial and Legal Impacts of Slip and Fall Accidents



*Injured on the go?*  
**JustCallMoe.com**



## Medical Costs: The Price of Recovery



Slip and fall accidents can lead to injuries that demand immediate and ongoing medical attention. From fractures to traumatic brain injuries (TBIs), the financial toll can escalate quickly. Medical expenses include:

- 01 Emergency Care:** Ambulance fees, ER visits, diagnostic imaging (X-rays, MRIs).
- 02 Long-Term Treatment:** Physical therapy, orthopedic consultations, or even surgery.
- 03 Rehabilitation:** Costs of mobility aids (crutches, wheelchairs) and follow-up care.
- 04 Prescription Medication:** Pain management and related prescriptions.

In Florida, injured parties can seek reimbursement for these expenses by filing a claim under the responsible property owner's insurance. Medical documentation is essential in quantifying these damages and justifying compensation demands.





## Economic Impacts: Lost Wages and Earning Capacity

Slip and fall accidents often cause victims to miss work, leading to lost income and, in severe cases, diminished earning potential.



- ✓ **Lost Wages:** Plaintiffs can claim compensation for missed workdays during recovery. Providing employer statements or past pay stubs is key to proving this loss.
- ✓ **Diminished Earning Capacity:** If injuries prevent you from resuming your previous job or working at full capacity, Florida law allows for claims covering this long-term financial burden.

**Example:** If a warehouse worker sustains a spinal injury in a fall preventing them from performing physical labor, they can seek compensation for the resulting career change or reduced work hours.



## Non-Economic Damages: Pain, Suffering, and Emotional Distress



Not all damages from a slip and fall are tangible. Non-economic damages account for the emotional toll of the incident:

- 01 Pain and Suffering:** Compensation for physical discomfort caused by injuries.
- 02 Emotional Distress:** Anxiety, depression, or PTSD stemming from the accident.
- 03 Loss of Enjoyment:** The inability to engage in hobbies or activities once enjoyed.

Florida courts often use the multiplier method, which calculates pain and suffering as a multiple of economic damages, to quantify these losses. Providing testimony from therapists or detailed journals of daily challenges strengthens claims for non-economic damages.

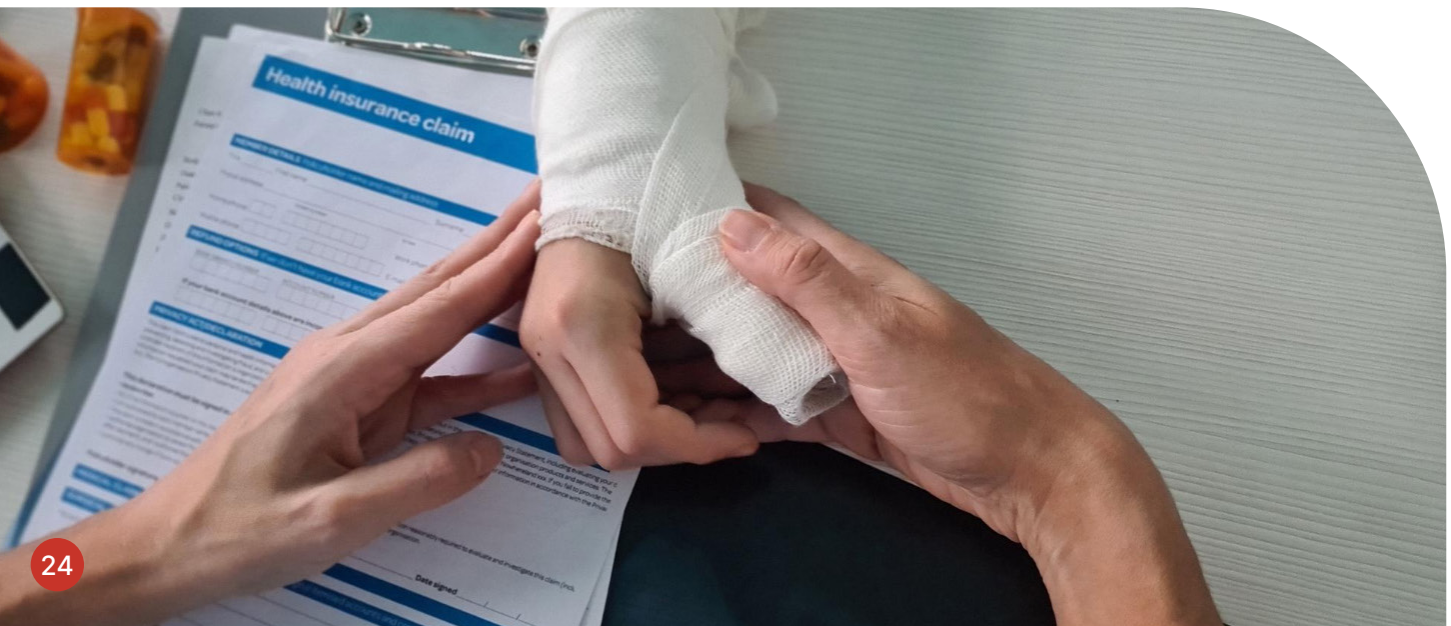


## Insurance Claims: Filing and Challenges

Slip and fall victims in Florida typically seek compensation through the property owner's liability insurance. The process involves:



- 01 Filing a Claim:** Notifying the insurer, presenting medical records, and detailing the accident.
- 02 Dealing with Adjusters:** Insurance adjusters often offer low initial settlements to minimize payouts.
- 03 Responding to Denials:** Insurers may dispute liability, requiring victims to provide robust evidence, such as incident reports and witness statements.



## Challenges in Settlements: Lowball Offers and Bad Faith Tactics



Florida law obligates insurers to act in good faith when handling claims. However, some insurers may resort to tactics such as:

- 01 Delaying Payments:** Stalling the settlement process to pressure claimants.
- 02 Disputing Liability:** Denying responsibility or arguing that the victim shares fault under Florida's comparative negligence rule.
- 03 Offering Inadequate Settlements:** Lowball offers that fail to cover actual expenses.

Victims can file a bad faith insurance claim under Florida Statute § 624.155 if insurers act unfairly within 90 days. An experienced attorney is instrumental in recognizing these tactics and pushing for fair compensation.





## Legal Alternatives: When to Pursue Litigation?



If insurance negotiations stall, victims may consider filing a lawsuit to secure fair compensation. Litigation involves:

01

**Filing the Complaint:**

Detailing allegations against the defendant and seeking damages.

02

**Discovery Phase:**

Both parties exchange evidence, including medical records, deposition transcripts, and expert testimony.

03

**Mediation or Settlement:**

Many cases are resolved before trial through mediation.

04

**Trial:**

If no settlement is reached, the case proceeds to court, where a judge or jury decides liability and compensation.



## AN ATTORNEY PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS BY:

- ✓ Gathering evidence to build a strong case.
- ✓ Calculating damages accurately, ensuring no losses are overlooked.
- ✓ Representing the victim in court, countering defense strategies.

Florida's two-year statute of limitations makes it critical to act quickly. Waiting too long may forfeit your right to seek damages.

## Combining Financial and Legal Strategies for Justice

Slip and fall accidents can have ripple effects that impact every aspect of a victim's life. By understanding the financial, medical, and legal avenues available, Floridians can confidently seek justice and compensation.

Whether through insurance negotiations or legal action, a knowledgeable attorney is your best ally in turning the tide in your favor.



CHAPTER 4:

# UNDERSTANDING COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE

When Fault is Shared



*Injured on the go?*  
**JustCallMoe.com**



Slip and fall cases in Florida often involve shared fault, meaning both the property owner and the injured party may bear some responsibility for the incident. Florida's comparative negligence laws, outlined in Florida Statute § 768.81, dictate how liability is divided and how damages are calculated when a fault is shared.

## What Is Comparative Negligence?

Florida follows a modified comparative negligence rule, which means that an injured party can recover damages as long as they are not more than 50% at fault for the accident. If a plaintiff's share of the fault exceeds 50%, they are barred from recovering any damages.



**FOR EXAMPLE:** If a court determines that the property owner is 70% at fault for failing to repair a damaged step and the injured party is 30% at fault for texting while walking, the plaintiff can still recover 70% of the total awarded damages.





## How Shared Fault Reduces Damages?



Under Florida law, damages are reduced in proportion to the plaintiff's percentage of fault.

Consider this scenario:

Total damages: \$100,000

Plaintiff's fault: 20%

Recovery amount: \$80,000 (80% of total damages)

Even when an injured party is partially at fault, they can still pursue compensation, provided their level of responsibility does not exceed 50%.



## Defense Strategies by Property Owners



Property owners often leverage comparative negligence as a defense to minimize their liability.

Common arguments include:

- ✓ **Failure to Notice Hazards:** Claiming the hazard was open and obvious, such as a wet floor marked with a warning sign.
- ✓ **Improper Footwear:** Alleging that the plaintiff wore inappropriate shoes for the environment, such as high heels on a construction site.
- ✓ **Distracted Behavior:** Highlighting that the plaintiff was distracted, such as using a phone while walking.

Understanding Florida’s comparative negligence rule is essential for slip and fall victims. A strong legal strategy, supported by evidence and expert representation, can counter these defenses and ensure a fair settlement or judgment. This legal principle reinforces the importance of seeking immediate legal advice to protect your rights and maximize recovery potential.



CHAPTER 5:

# WHEN SLIP AND FALL ACCIDENTS TURN FATAL

Seeking Justice After Tragedy



*Injured on the go?*  
**JustCallMoe.com**



Slip and fall accidents can tragically escalate from painful injuries to fatal consequences, leaving families grappling with loss and unanswered questions. In Florida, wrongful death claims provide a legal pathway for families to hold negligent property owners accountable and seek compensation for their unimaginable loss. Let's explore how Florida law addresses these devastating scenarios.

## Wrongful Death Claims: Florida's Legal Framework

Under Florida's Wrongful Death Act (§ 768.16–768.26), families of individuals who lose their lives due to a slip and fall accident caused by negligence may pursue legal action against responsible parties. The law aims to shift the financial burden of the loss to those whose actions—or inactions—caused the tragedy.

### Key aspects of a wrongful death claim include:

- 01 Proving Negligence:** Plaintiffs must show that the property owner's failure to maintain safe premises directly resulted in the fatal accident.
- 02 Timeliness:** Claims must be filed within the statute of limitations, typically two years from the date of death, per Florida law.

For instance, if a store fails to address a wet floor despite multiple complaints, and this negligence results in a fatal fall, the store can be held liable under the Wrongful Death Act.





## Eligible Claimants: Who Can File?

Florida law designates specific family members as eligible to file a wrongful death claim. These include:

- 01 Spouses:** Often the primary claimants, spouses can seek damages for lost companionship and emotional support.
- 02 Children:** Minor children can pursue claims for loss of parental guidance and financial support.
- 03 Parents:** If the deceased had no spouse or children, parents may file for their emotional and financial loss.



## Compensation Types: Acknowledging the Loss

Wrongful death claims aim to compensate families for both tangible and intangible losses, including:

- 01 Economic Damages:**

  - > Medical expenses incurred before death.
  - > Funeral and burial costs.
  - > Lost earnings and benefits the deceased would have provided.
  
- 02 Non-Economic Damages:**

  - > Emotional suffering and mental anguish.
  - > Loss of companionship and guidance.
  
- 02 Punitive Damages:**

  - > In cases of gross negligence, courts may award punitive damages to punish egregious behavior and deter similar misconduct.

Losing a loved one to a preventable accident is hard, but Florida's legal system offers recourse to help families find justice and hold negligent parties accountable. An experienced attorney can be an invaluable ally in this complex process, ensuring your family's rights are protected.



CHAPTER 6:

# FILING A SLIP AND FALL LAWSUIT

Your Roadmap to Justice



*Injured on the go?*  
**JustCallMoe.com**



Slip and fall accidents can disrupt your life in ways you never imagined, but seeking justice doesn't have to be overwhelming. Filing a lawsuit in Florida involves specific steps, and having a knowledgeable attorney by your side can make all the difference. This chapter breaks down the legal process, so you know what to expect when pursuing compensation for your injuries.

## Legal Steps: From Filing to Resolution

### 01 **Filing the Complaint**

The first formal step is filing a complaint with the appropriate Florida court. This document outlines:

- > The facts of the incident: where, when, and how it happened.
- > The property owner's alleged negligence or breach of duty under Florida Statute § 768.0755.
- > The damages you are seeking, such as medical expenses, lost wages, and emotional distress.

### 02 **Serving the Summons:**

Once the complaint is filed, the defendant (property owner or business) is served with a summons and given time to respond.



### 03 **Discovery Phase**

Discovery is where both sides gather evidence to build their cases. This process may include:

- > **Interrogatories:** Written questions requiring detailed answers.
- > **Depositions:** Formal interviews conducted under oath.
- > **Document Requests:** Obtaining maintenance records, surveillance footage, or inspection logs.

### 04 **Accessible Information:**

Florida courts encourage transparency during discovery, ensuring both parties have access to relevant information.

### 05 **Mediation and Settlement Talks**

Before heading to trial, most Florida courts require mediation. This is a collaborative process where both sides, guided by a neutral mediator, attempt to reach a settlement. While not mandatory to settle, successful mediation can save time and legal costs.





## Trial Expectations: What Happens in Court

If mediation doesn't result in a settlement, the case moves to trial.

Here's what to expect:

01

### **Jury Selection**

A group of impartial jurors will be selected to hear your case and render a verdict.

02

### **Opening Statements**

Both sides present an overview of their arguments, with your attorney emphasizing the defendant's negligence and your damages.

03

### **Presentation of Evidence**

Evidence such as photos of hazardous conditions, expert witness testimony, and medical records will be presented to prove your claims.

04

### **Cross- Examination**

The defendant's attorney may question witnesses or challenge evidence, aiming to minimize their client's liability.

05

### **Closing Arguments**

Each side summarizes their case, urging the jury to rule in their favor.



# 06

## Verdict and Damages

The jury deliberates and decides whether the property owner is liable. If they find it in your favor, they will determine the amount of compensation you're entitled to receive.

### How an Attorney Can Help You Achieve the Compensation You Deserve!

Filing a slip and fall lawsuit requires skill, persistence, and legal know-how. Here's how an attorney in Florida can support you:



#### Building a Strong Case:

Attorneys gather compelling evidence, identify relevant laws, and address potential weaknesses in your claim.



#### Negotiating Settlements:

Experienced lawyers know how to handle insurance companies and lowball offers, ensuring you receive a fair settlement.



#### Trial Representation:

If the case goes to court, your attorney will advocate for you, presenting evidence persuasively and countering the defense's arguments.





**Ensuring  
Compliance:**

From filing deadlines to evidentiary rules, your attorney ensures every aspect of your case adheres to Florida’s legal standards.

Filing a lawsuit might feel daunting, but with the right legal representation, you’re not just fighting for compensation—you’re standing up for your rights. An attorney provides the expertise and dedication needed to hold negligent property owners accountable and secure the justice you deserve.

**PRO TIP:** The sooner you consult an attorney, the better. Florida has a strict statute of limitations for slip and fall claims—typically two years. Acting quickly ensures your case gets the attention it deserves.

**Let’s make sure your voice is heard and your recovery supported!**



CHAPTER 7:

# FAQS ABOUT SLIP AND FALL CASES IN FLORIDA

Your Roadmap to Justice



*Injured on the go?*  
**JustCallMoe.com**



**01**

**What Should I Do Immediately After a Slip and Fall Accident in Florida?**

Your first priority is ensuring your health and safety. Seek medical attention, document the scene with photos, and report the incident to the property owner or manager. Collect contact information from witnesses and keep copies of all related medical records and receipts. These steps are crucial for building a strong case.

**02**

**Who Can Be Held Liable for a Slip and Fall Accident in Florida?**

Liability often falls on the property owner, business owner, or tenant who failed to maintain safe premises. Florida law under § 768.0755 requires owners to address hazardous conditions they knew or should have known about. Determining liability depends on the specific circumstances of the accident.

**03**

**How Long Do I Have to File a Slip and Fall Lawsuit in Florida?**

Florida’s statute of limitations for slip and fall cases is generally two years from the date of the accident. However, for injuries that occurred on or before March 24, 2023, a four-year statute of limitations applies. Acting promptly ensures your rights are protected.





**04**

**What Happens If I’m Partially At-Fault for My Slip and Fall Case?**

Florida follows a comparative negligence rule (§ 768.81), meaning your compensation may be reduced by your percentage of fault. For instance, if you are 20% at fault, your total damages award will be reduced by 20%. An experienced attorney can help minimize your fault allocation.

**05**

**Will Insurance Cover My Slip and Fall Claim?**

Most businesses and property owners carry liability insurance that may cover medical expenses and other damages from a slip and fall accident. However, insurers often attempt to minimize payouts. It’s essential to consult an attorney who can negotiate on your behalf and ensure fair compensation.

**06**

**Do I Need an Attorney for My Slip and Fall Case?**

While it’s possible to handle a claim on your own, having an attorney significantly improves your chances of success. Slip and fall cases require legal expertise to gather evidence, establish liability, and negotiate with insurers. An attorney ensures that all legal deadlines and procedures are met, strengthening your case.



07

## Can I Sue for a Slip and Fall Accident on Public Property?

Yes, but there are additional hurdles. Public property claims in Florida are subject to sovereign immunity under § 768.28, which caps damages and imposes stricter filing requirements. You must also provide notice to the appropriate government agency before filing a lawsuit. An attorney experienced in these cases is invaluable.



# REGAINING BALANCE:

**Securing the Compensation You**

**Deserve After a Slip and Fall**



*Injured on the go?*  
**JustCallMoe.com**



Slip and fall accidents can disrupt your life in an instant, leaving you with injuries, financial burdens, and countless questions. In Florida, your rights are protected under robust premises liability laws that ensure negligent property owners are held accountable. By understanding the legal process and acting quickly, you can seek justice and fair compensation for your losses.

Remember, consulting a skilled attorney is essential to building a strong case and avoiding common pitfalls. With the right legal guidance, you can focus on recovery and take confident steps toward a brighter future. Your rights matter—stand firm and fight for them!



# A FINAL WORD

Anytime you have a legal question, especially after a slip and fall accident, we encourage you to call us. At JUST CALL MOE, we take the time to listen, guide, and ensure you know your options.

Don't let insurance companies or the complexities of Florida's slip and fall laws add to your stress. We are here to fight for your rights and help you secure the compensation you deserve—whether it's for medical bills, lost wages, emotional trauma, or any other damages.

If you're facing challenges like denied claims, underpaid settlements, or unclear legal avenues, we are committed to exploring every possible resource to obtain what you are entitled to. Our firm has successfully resolved complex cases and provided fair outcomes for countless clients and their families.

Even if your concern isn't one we typically handle, call us. Over the years, we've built strong relationships with trusted attorneys across various specialties. If we can't take your case, we'll connect you with someone who can—because your safety and justice matter.

Let us take the legal burden off your shoulders, so you can focus on recovery. When it comes to protecting your rights and securing your future, we are here for you every step of the way.



*Injured on the go? Just Call Moe!*

**Moe DeWitt**

