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The Season of Giving: A Time to Make a Difference

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As the holidays approach, we're reminded that this is the season of giving—a time to reflect on what we're grateful for and to extend a helping hand to those in need. For many, the holidays bring joy, but for others, they can be a challenging time. This is our opportunity to come together as a community and make a positive impact.

Giving back doesn't always have to mean donating large sums of money. Small gestures often make a big difference. Whether it's volunteering at a local shelter, donating food or clothes, or simply offering your time to someone who needs support, every act of kindness counts.

For those of us in the legal community, giving back is a natural extension of what we do every day—helping individuals and families navigate difficult times. This season, we encourage everyone to think about how they can support their community. Together, we can spread holiday cheer and make this time of year brighter for all. Remember, generosity isn't just about what you give; it's about the care and compassion you show. Happy Holidays!

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The holiday season is in full swing, and shopping centers across New Jersey are bustling with activity. From packed parking lots to crowded aisles, the risks of injury rise during this time of year. While holiday shopping should be a joyful experience, it's important to be aware of potential hazards that can lead to serious injuries.

Common dangers include slipping on wet floors, tripping over misplaced items, or even being struck by falling merchandise. If you're injured while shopping, it's crucial to understand your legal rights under New Jersey's premises liability laws.



What Is Premises Liability?

Premises liability refers to a property owner's responsibility to maintain a safe environment for visitors. In New Jersey, store owners and mall operators are legally obligated to ensure their premises are free from hazards that could cause injury. This includes:

- Promptly cleaning up spills or wet floors caused by snow, rain, or leaking pipes.
- Securing heavy merchandise on shelves to prevent it from falling.
- Removing trip hazards, such as boxes or clutter in aisles.
- Providing adequate lighting in parking lots and walkways.
- If they fail to address these risks, they may be held liable for any injuries that occur as a result.

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Common Holiday Shopping Injuries

During the busy holiday season, certain types of injuries become more prevalent in stores and malls, including:

Slip-and-Fall Accidents: Wet floors near entrances or in restrooms can cause serious slips. Stores must post visible warning signs if an area is slippery.

Falling Merchandise: Overstocked or improperly stacked items on high shelves can fall, potentially causing head, neck, or back injuries.

Trip-and-Fall Incidents: Cords, loose rugs, or holiday decorations placed in high-traffic areas can lead to trips and falls.

Parking Lot Accidents: Uneven pavement, poor lighting, or icy walkways in parking lots can also result in injuries.

What Should You Do If You're Injured?

If you're injured while holiday shopping, taking the following steps can strengthen your claim:

Report the Incident Immediately

Notify the store manager or property owner as soon as possible. Request that they document the incident in a written report.

Gather Evidence

Take photos or videos of the hazard that caused your injury, such as a wet floor or broken shelving. If there were witnesses, collect their contact information.

Seek Medical Attention

Even if your injuries seem minor, it's important to see a doctor. Medical records will provide crucial evidence if you decide to file a claim.

Consult an Attorney

Premises liability claims can be complex, especially when dealing with large retailers and their insurance companies. An experienced New Jersey personal injury attorney can help you navigate the process and fight for the compensation you deserve.

Your Legal Rights in New Jersey

New Jersey law allows injury victims to seek compensation for damages, including medical bills, lost wages, and pain and suffering. However, to have a successful premises liability claim, you must prove that:

- A dangerous condition existed on the property.
- The property owner or manager knew or should have known about the condition.
- They failed to take reasonable steps to fix or warn about the hazard.
- The dangerous condition directly caused your injury.

Don't Let an Injury Ruin Your Holidays. If you think you have claim do not wait to contact an attorney!

What types of items do food banks usually look for?

now through dec. 18th

Drop off at:
Chamlin Uliano & Walsh
268 Norwood Ave
West Long Branch



Canned Goods

(in water/syrup when applicable) such as:

- Tuna
- Chicken
- Salmon
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Soup

Ready-to-eat meals



Beverages

such as:
100% Fruit juice

Dry Boxed Foods

- Shelf-stable mixes
- Pancake mix + syrup
- Hot and Cold* Cereals



Condiments and Toppings

- such as:
- Cooking oils
- Peanut butter & jelly



Low sodium options, when possible*



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happy holidays

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT CU&W?

Please join us in congratulating Associate Attorney Elizabeth Uliano Giblin on her appointment as a Councilwoman for the Borough of Little Silver.

Her passion for serving her community, particularly through special initiatives like bringing the first inclusive playground to the borough, will make her an outstanding councilwoman.

