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I hope this month's newsletter finds you well and that you are staying warm in spite of the crazy weather we've been having! I've always enjoyed a good snowstorm, but I'm very much over these cold, dreary days.

Accidents are always prevalent when there's snow and ice, and I can't encourage you enough to take proper precautions when walking and driving on the roadways. One particular place to be cautious of is shopping malls, which you can read more about in this month's feature article.

Should you find yourself in an accident this winter, please don't hesitate to reach out to us for help. We also love to see your snow pictures; feel free to showcase your great snowmen, snow angels and all of your other creations by tweeting us at @injurygurus or by sharing your pictures with us via Facebook, Google+ or Pinterest.

Long Island's Crowded Malls Are Common Sites for Slip and Fall Injuries

Did you know crowded malls are one of the most common places for slip and fall injuries on Long Island to occur? If you've ever tripped at Roosevelt Field or slipped at Walt Whitman Mall, you know that the crowds at these popular malls make them prime spots for slip and fall accidents. With such heavy foot traffic, it is important for these shopping spots to take special precautions to keep shoppers safe.

Malls, stores and shopping centers have an obligation to keep both their exterior and interior property safe, including:

- Keeping floor surfaces well-maintained
- Ensuring public areas, especially stairwells and parking lots, are well lit
- Making certain automatic doors, elevators and escalators get routine maintenance and are in proper working condition
- Keeping aisles and walkways clear and clean of debris and clutter
- Making sure store displays are safe
- Ensuring any construction is done in a way that is safe for shoppers
- Maintaining the parking lot area and taking care of any potholes, loose debris and other dangers to pedestrians

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What You Need to Know before Hiring a Lawyer

Are you looking for clear guidance in
finding a good lawyer?

What questions to ask?

Whether you even need a lawyer?

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Protect Your Feet While You Work

About 10 percent of the 12 million or so workplace injuries in the U.S. every year are foot and ankle related, according to the Department of Labor. They can occur in many different categories, including punctures, sprains and lacerations, and they frequently result from trips, slips, and falls.

If you don't want to be left without a foot to stand on, follow these basic guidelines:

- **Pick the right footwear.** Don't wear shoes that are thin or flimsy in a workplace filled with potential hazards.
- **Stay dry.** Select footwear that will keep your feet warm and dry to guard against frostbite and other problems in cold conditions and wet areas.
- **Get a good fit.** Buy shoes in the right size so your feet don't slide or slip inside them. Make sure they fit comfortably so they don't cause blisters or distract you while working.
- **Talk to your manager.** Employers have a responsibility to keep their workers safe. Discuss hazards with your supervisor and consult on the right kind of footwear. In some cases, the employer may have a legal duty to provide you with the shoes (and other safety equipment) you need.
- **Practice safety at all times.** Remember that you can injure your feet when you're off the clock or just visiting a worksite. Always wear the right shoes in the workplace no matter what your duties are or how little time you plan to spend there.



Long Island's Crowded Malls Are Common Sites for Slip and Fall Injuries - Continued

Know Your Rights

If you are injured at a Long Island Mall, whether it's Roosevelt Field, Smith Haven, Sunrise Westfield or Broadway Mall, you may be able to seek compensation for your injuries.



A good lawyer will help you understand your legal rights and work to get you the maximum compensation you deserve to cover medical expenses, lost income, related expenses and pain and suffering.

How We Can Help

Our Long Island slip and fall lawyers can help you understand your rights and ensure you get the best outcome.

Call us for a free consultation and we will answer all your questions and discuss the best course of action for you to take—no obligation, no fee. In fact there is never a fee until you collect a verdict or settlement.

Once we take your case, we are experienced in getting every bit of evidence we need to tell your story.

This includes finding and talking to witnesses, examining surveillance cameras, making sure your injuries and all expenses are properly documented and investigating exactly what caused your injury and how it should have been prevented by the property owner.

A Happy Client Story:

"Just want to write a review about Neal Goldstein and Bob Bashner. I have used them for a personal case and they were completely professional, answered my questions whenever I called, and made what I thought was a very good settlement for me. I would use them again in a heartbeat. Since then, if I ever have a law question I can call them and they answer it as best they could without ever charging me. Now that is service."

Are you a client of Goldstein & Bashner? We would love to hear about your happy story too! Please visit LikeGoldsteinandBashner.com and tell us about it!

Ask the Attorneys

I was in a car accident on Sunrise Highway that was not my fault. Can I sue?

Sunrise Highway—along with Hempstead Turnpike, Middle Country Road and Merrick Road—is considered one of our area's most dangerous roads and a frequent site of car accidents. In New York State, minor car accidents are settled through no-fault insurance, but if you are seriously injured then you are able to sue. This is important because no-fault has a limit of \$50,000 (unless additional coverage is purchased) and does not cover pain and suffering.

New York's no-fault insurance law has specific guidelines for defining a "serious injury," so it is important to talk to an attorney to find out if you can sue to get the full compensation for your injuries, as well as pain and suffering.

If you were recently in a car accident and have questions or want to find out if you have a case, give our office a call. Our experienced lawyers will answer all your questions and let you know your legal options. We provide free consultations to make sure you have all the facts and information you need.



Quote of the Month

"People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing – that's why we recommend it daily."

- Zig Ziglar

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