Walking Working Surfaces Fatality File



Man Dies After Slip-And-Fall On Allegedly Dangerous Property

When a person slips and falls on another person's property in Pennsylvania, it is not uncommon for the individual to suffer injuries. However, in one out-of-state case, a man who allegedly slipped and fell on dangerous property ended up dying as a result of the fall. His wife is now suing the restaurant to which the parking lot belonged.

The reported accident took place at a Tim Hortons café at about 7:30 a.m. on a Tuesday. According to the wife of the man who died, her 72-year-old husband was leaving the restaurant and suddenly slipped on a patch of ice near his car. The man, who had parked on an incline, then fell to the ground.

As a result of the fall, the man reportedly suffered a subdural hemorrhage. The woman said he died several days after the incident as a result of complications stemming from his injuries. She claimed that the parking lot's design caused an unnatural water stream to form as a result of the area drainage system; this system had frozen over while her husband was in the restaurant.

In her suit, the woman said the lot where he parked was unreasonably hazardous and that the restaurant did not properly warn the man of the danger. She is seeking more than $25,000. When a person in Pennsylvania slips and falls on dangerous property that has not been properly maintained, the owner of that property may be held liable in civil court for any injuries or deaths that result.