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'cleanup in aisle 7!'

Thankfully, the vast majority of people never experience a slip-andfall injury while grocery shopping. Unfortunately, some have taken a tumble and sustained serious injuries due to negligence by store ownership.

Water tracked in from outside can make entering the store an adventure, even on sunny days, when you consider melting snow and ice over the winter. Produce or salad-bar items may litter the floor.



Items knocked off shelves or dropped by customers or stockers can create slip-andfall zones. Slippery wax paper from the doughnut case might get strewn on the floor. Refrigerator condenser lines and pressurized water lines might leak. Dropped food or spilled drinks may take residence on the floors of café-style eating areas.

If store owners fail to take reasonable measures to keep their property safe ("duty of care"), a customer was injured, and the injury was due to the actions (or inactions) of the owner, negligence may be in play.

Keep in mind that customers are expected to be aware of obvious hazards and avoid them. Also, an owner cannot be expected to act immediately when certain hazards arise. For example, if a spill suddenly occurs and causes a fall 15 seconds later, that wouldn't be considered a reasonable amount of time for management to have responded.

Sometimes both the owner and customer share the blame for a slip-and-fall injury. A plaintiff may receive compensation for owner negligence but be docked a percentage due to their contribution to the injury ("comparative negligence").

Contrary to popular opinion, slip-and-fall cases are some of the hardest to prove. You need a knowledgeable, experienced attorney in your corner. Contact <u>Corradino & Papa</u> to protect your interests.

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what a personal injury attorney will do for you

If you are seriously injured due to someone's negligence, hiring a personal injury attorney to represent you is always a wise decision.

Some people decide to manage small claims on their own. Although doable, keep in mind that seemingly minor injuries sometimes are more serious ones in disguise, intensifying weeks, even months, after the initial incident. An already settled claim precludes reopening the claim or going to court — you're basically hung out to dry. It never hurts to schedule a free initial consultation with an attorney.

A personal injury attorney will ...

- conduct a thorough investigation of your injury circumstances and gather evidence.
- document your injuries in coordination with your doctors to determine the extent of your damages.
- identify all parties liable for your harm. For instance, in a crash with a tractor-trailer, liability may fall on the truck driver, the driver's employer, the company that loaded the trailer, or the company that did mechanical work on the truck.
- get the ball rolling on your claim while you're recuperating to expedite a favorable outcome.
- file all insurance claims and handle all communications and negotiations with the insurance company and/or the defendant's attorney so you can focus on healing.
- retain expert witnesses, accident reconstruction specialists, and investigators as necessary.
- calculate the value of your case, vigorously pursue a fair settlement, and be prepared for trial if the other side stonewalls.

If you find yourself the victim of someone's negligence, contact our office. <u>Corradino & Papa</u> will fight to achieve the compensation you deserve for past and future medical expenses, lost wages and lost earning capacity, property damage, and pain and suffering.

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Cizmo

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Gizmo is part of the Selvaggio Family. He is 8 years old and is the biggest mush ever. Gizmo was born outside the first week of October to a feral mom named Godiva. Gizmo was a litter of 4 and the only one who wasn't pure Black like his mom. He is our gentle giant of the bunch. He has an 18 year old brother Elvis (Siamese) and a younger sister (Noel). Gizmo & Noel are inseparable. They chase each other all day long making funny noises. We love Gizmo to the moon & back. ■

three rights make a left

According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data, crossing or turning at an intersection precipitates 36 percent of vehicular crashes. Of those crashes, roughly 60 percent involve left turns (right turns, 3 percent).

Left-turn mishaps frequently result in T-bone crashes, when the front end of one vehicle plows into the middle section of another. These crashes are among the most dangerous, often leading to devastating injuries and fatalities — side-impact airbags notwithstanding.



When motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians get caught up in the chaos, it can be even more disastrous. Whether at fault or not, their increased vulnerability to serious injury (or worse) is obvious.

Fault for left-turn accidents typically lies with the left-turning driver. The left-turning driver must always yield to oncoming traffic that has the right of way (or proceed only when oncoming traffic is far enough away). Drivers need to use the proper turning lane, click on their turn signal, and allow for pedestrians and bicyclists to clear crosswalks.

But left-turning drivers aren't always at fault. If an oncoming driver was speeding, they may be liable for a crash. However, without witnesses or video evidence, the left-turning driver may be left holding the bag.

Other exceptions include oncoming drivers who run stop signs or stoplights, or who drive while intoxicated or distracted. Unforeseen circumstances such as a pedestrian or animal that darts into the road and delays the completion of the left turn might shift liability to the oncoming driver.

Some commercial delivery companies (e.g., UPS) instruct their drivers to avoid left turns whenever feasible. Although improved economics sparked the policy, heightened safety is an added bonus.

If you are injured due to another driver's negligence, contact Corradino & Papa to protect your rights.

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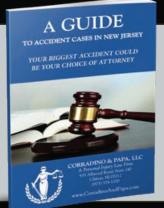
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Quote of the Month: "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." –Mark Twain

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FOR VALENTINE'S DAY ... chicken saltimbocca for two

Ingredients

- 4 8 ounces boneless, skinless chicken breasts with the tenders (flap on the bottom of the breast) removed
- Salt and pepper
- 1 cup flour
- 8 fresh sage leaves
- 8 large thin slices (about 4 oz.) prosciutto di Parma
- 2 tablespoons EVOO
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 pound baby spinach
- Freshly grated or ground nutmeg to taste
- ¹/₂ lemon, juiced (2 tbsp.)

Directions

Step 1 Preheat the oven to 175 degrees. Cut each chicken breast in half horizontally to form 2 thin cutlets; place between 2 sheets of plastic wrap. Using a meat mallet, pound to 1/4 inch thick. Season with salt and pepper. Place the flour on a plate; dredge the chicken, shaking off excess. Top each cutlet with 1 sage leaf, then wrap in 1 slice of prosciutto, tucking the ends under the cut side of the chicken.

Step 2 In a large skillet, heat 1 tbsp. EVOO, one turn of the pan, over medium-high heat. Add 1 tbsp. butter; when it stops foaming, add half the cutlets, cut side up. Cool until the prosciutto is crispy and golden, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Transfer the cutlets to a baking sheet and keep warm in the oven. Add the remaining 1 tbsp. butter to the pan and repeat with remaining cutlets.

Step 3 Add the remaining 1 tbsp. EVOO to the skillet, one turn of the pan. Add the garlic and stir until aromatic, about 1 minute. Add the spinach; stir until wilted, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the nutmeg and season. Douse the greens with the lemon juice. Divide the cutlets among plates and serve with the spinach. ■

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