

## Premises Liability

If you or a loved one has suffered a slip-and-fall injury or been injured in any way as a result of unsafe premises, it may be possible to file a premises liability claim against the liable parties. Property owners have a legal obligation to ensure that their premises are safe; in the event of an injury, the owner of the premises may be considered liable. At Lutz, Bobo & Telfair, P.A., we have the resources, experience, and drive needed to help your family seek just and fair restitution for its losses. Serving Sarasota, St. Petersburg, and Greater Southwest Florida, a personal injury lawyer from our staff of dedicated trial attorneys can guide you through the legal process. Contact our law firm today to schedule a free consultation and case review.

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**Premises Liability Lawsuits** A Sarasota and Manatee County-area personal injury lawyer from our firm can help you if you have been injured on another party's property. Property owners have a duty to take reasonable measures to protect individuals who inhabit their property, either temporarily or permanently, from undue or unnecessary risk. Depending on the circumstances however, the defendant's obligation to an individual on his or her property may vary. The plaintiff &ndash; the individual filing the lawsuit against the property owner &ndash; will be classified as an "invitee," a "licensee," or a "trespasser," depending on the circumstances of the case. The defendant's degree of duty to the plaintiff depends on how the plaintiff is classified by the court.

- Invitee &ndash; Someone who is an invitee is welcomed onto premises for commercial reasons, either implicitly or expressly. An example of an invitee would be a customer shopping at a convenience store or department store. Property owners owe invitees the highest duty of care; if an invitee is injured as a result of an unreasonable risk, or a risk that could have been prevented if the owner of the premises properly exercised his or her duties, the owner may be considered liable for the injury.

- Licensee &ndash; A licensee is someone who is invited onto premises, either expressly or implicitly, for reasons other than commercial transactions. A house guest, for example, is a licensee, not an invitee. A defendant owes a licensee a duty as well, though not to the same degree that he or she would owe an invitee. Typically, a plaintiff who is a licensee is only eligible for financial compensation if he or she suffered an injury because the owner of the premises failed to reasonably protect his or her guest and inform him or her of known risks.

- Trespasser &ndash; An individual who is a trespasser is a person who enters onto premises without the consent of the property owner. Property owners have the least duty to protect trespassers from harm. It can be very difficult for a trespasser to obtain financial compensation for an injury sustained on a property.

If you or a loved one has been injured on another party's property, we will strive to ensure that that the defendant is held accountable for his or her actions. Do I Need a Personal Injury Lawyer? Winning a premises liability claim requires a comprehensive understanding of the law and effective litigation skills. It can be extremely difficult to win a premises liability case because we all have an obligation to be mindful of our surroundings and cognizant of our own actions. If it is determined that you were at fault or even partially responsible for your injury, it can impact upon your ability to obtain financial compensation.

At Lutz, Bobo & Telfair, P.A., serving Greater Southwest Florida, including Bradenton and Sarasota, a personal injury lawyer with extensive experience in handling premises liability claims can review your case and help to determine whether it is in your best interests to pursue legal action. We can help you file a traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, wrongful death, or other type of personal injury claim if you or a loved one has been injured. If we believe that you are eligible for financial compensation, we will fight diligently to protect your legal rights. You can rely on the attorneys at our law firm to strive to provide you with the best chance of bringing your case to a successful resolution. Contact a Sarasota and Bradenton-area Personal Injury Lawyer You should seek legal counsel if you or someone you love has suffered an injury as a result of unsafe premises. At the law offices of Lutz, Bobo & Telfair, P.A., we have extensive experience trying premises liability cases, and we can apply the lessons we have learned from this experience to your case. To schedule a free consultation in the Sarasota area, contact a personal injury lawyer from our law firm today.