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PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS



Personal injury claims involving slips, trips or falls are extremely common and the consequences can be severe; around 95% of major slips result in broken bones.

Slips, trips and falls are the single most common cause of major injuries at work and are responsible for half of all accidents to members of the public in workplace areas.

Although slips, trips or falls can occur on any surface used as a walkway, numerous specific areas are known to be responsible for unusually high accident rates. These include shopping centres, foyer areas and leisure centres, as well as traditionally high-risk areas such as workshops, kitchens and shower areas.



Frequently characterised by lack of credible forensic evidence, slipping claims are often difficult to investigate. The large number of test methods available for the assessment of slipperiness and the proven inability of several popular test methods to generate reliable information, results in a high likelihood of reliance on inaccurate test data.



In fact, this need not be the case, as is explained by slips and trips expert Paul Lemon who has recently joined our Birmingham office. "The slip resistance of any material can be accurately measured provided that the correct techniques are adopted and, crucially, are properly used. Dozens of factors need to be taken into account and the processes used to reach robust and reliable conclusions can catch out all but the most seasoned expert".



Paul's work takes the uncertainty out of assessing the validity of slips and trips claims.

He has vast experience in this specialised field, having led the Health & Safety Executive's slips and trips forensic team for over a decade and managing the HSE's two largest ever research projects into flooring and footwear slipping. He is also the co-author of the two authoritative documents used during slipperiness assessment.

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