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REASONS A BUSINESS COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A VISITOR GETTING HURT IN A FALL

People generally have a responsibility to be conscious of their surroundings and behave in a safe manner. However, it is also reasonable for people to assume that certain choices are safe. For example, people shouldn't have to worry about falling and getting hurt while running errands.

It is natural to assume that a business maintains relatively safe and clean facilities if it makes its premises open to the public. If someone falls and gets hurt at a business, it is sometimes possible to pursue a premises liability lawsuit to help someone pay for injury-related expenses.

When the business doesn't address known hazards

There are certain risks that arise any time a business is open to the public. For example, visitors track in rain, snow or dirt, making the entranceway a risky place. Putting down rugs and ensuring that they are clean is a simple way for a business to protect against slip-and-falls that occur right at the entrance. The failure to take a reasonable step to address obvious slipping and tripping hazards, like exposed power cords, could lead to liability for the company.

When repair issues are to blame

Maybe there's carpet throughout the store, and there is a tear in the carpeting. Someone could trip and end up severely injured as a result. Maybe there is a leak in the ceiling. Anytime it rains, a puddle might develop that could lead to people getting hurt. When there are obvious repair needs that have gone unmet at a business, anyone who falls and gets hurt due to those property issues might be able to blame the business for negligent facility maintenance.

When staff could have prevented the fall

Sometimes, unpredictable issues, like a customer dropping a glass jar of soup on the floor, are what lead to someone falling. Businesses obviously can't prevent that from happening, but they should be able to address such issues in a timely manner.

When a business does not have enough workers on hand to address facility issues, then it may be liable if someone gets hurt while visiting. Pursuing a [premises liability lawsuit](#) when negligence contributes to an injury can compensate someone for both medical expenses and lost wages. Customers who understand when a fall is a result of negligence are in a stronger position to take necessary legal action against an irresponsible company accordingly.

Hiring an experienced personal injury lawyer who knows how to evaluate and effectively pursue your premises liability case is a critical first step after a fall.

- Bryan VanMeveren

RECENT WIN

A 56-year-old woman was riding her bicycle when an inattentive driver turned left, crashing into her and sending her over his bumper and into the windshield. Our client suffered 14 separate fractures to her ribs, pelvis, spine, and wrist. Despite her serious injuries, her own insurance carrier discounted her injuries and refused to offer a settlement. VanMeveren Law Group successfully sued her insurance carrier for their policy limits and won a total settlement of **\$750,000.00** for our client.



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See what our clients have to say!

"I found VanMeveren Law Group after searching online for a Personal Injury Attorney. I suffered a severe break that had me immobile for the better part of 6 months. I knew that I needed representation because surgery and rehab were being discussed. After reviewing different attorneys on google I called VanMeveren Law Group for a consultation. From the very first phone call they were attentive and understanding listening to everything I had to tell them. They agreed to take my case, and I was assigned to Karl Hager and Karl was nothing short of amazing. He took my case head on and made sure the every detail of everything ran smoothly for me. I didn't have to worry about anything and was able to fully focus on my recovery and adjusting to being a mom of 3 with a badly broken ankle. He made sure to update me every week and was very thorough in his discussions of my case, but what really got me and I was most appreciative of was how much Karl and the whole team truly cared about my rehab and healing and not just the legal aspect of my case. Even when things were rough for the VanMevern law team personally towards the end of the year it never affected my case. They collectively came together to not only support each other, but continue to support me in the negotiating and closing part of my case. I never had to worry about anything once Karl and his team took me on as a client. 2023 was by far one of the hardest years I've ever had, but entrusting my care and support in the team at VanMeveren Law not only was instrumental in my healing, but I feel if it wasn't for Karl and his team I would still be fighting an uphill battle today. I am forever grateful to Karl and the team at VanMeveren Law, and if an attorney is ever needed for me or my family in the future they will be my first call! Thank you again to Karl, Gabi, and the entire team for their help and support during one of the hardest years of my life, they truly were angels on earth." - Former Client

What's Happening in Fort Collins?

Holiday Twin Drive-In Back Open!



The weather is warming up in Fort Collins! Bring the whole family to an outdoor movie night this month at the Holiday Twin Drive-In, now open on Friday and Saturday nights. Shows begin at dusk with tickets selling for \$6 for children and \$10 for adults. Concessions serve popcorn, beer, wine and more! Movie schedule and tickets available at www.holidaytwindrivein.com

VanMeveren Law Group is Offering a 30-Day No-Fee Promise to You

What's the one thing that all businesses have in common?

You guessed it; they exist to generate revenue for someone, whether it be shareholders, co-founders, or small-time owners. Law firms are no different, and for some people that leads to a chilling effect. An injured person may be going through one of the worst times in their life. The media-driven image of the greedy lawyer getting rich off the backs of wounded victims leads many people to be fearful of reaching out when they need help.

At VanMeveren Law Group, we decided to do something about that. Above all, we believe that everyone has the right to be compensated when they are hurt, and they have the right to do that without worry about being taken advantage of. They have the right to be heard by a compassionate, dedicated, considerate attorney who truly cares about your case. You are our friends, our neighbors, the people we see at the grocery store, our kids go to the same schools, and you're the folks with whom we share this great community.

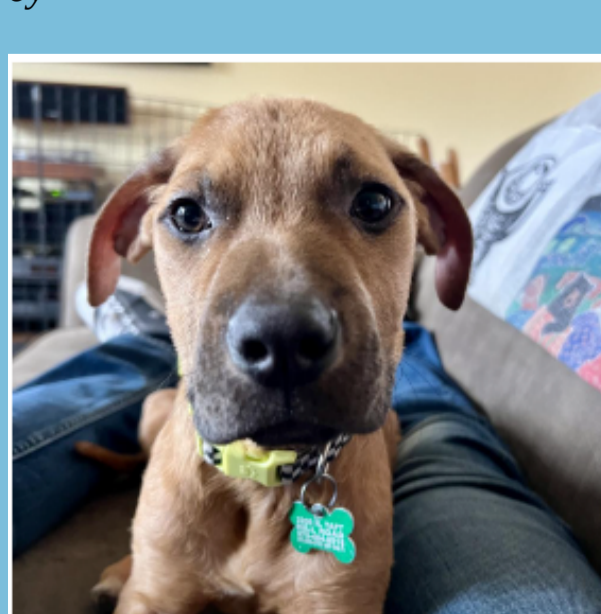
So how do we prove that? Some people want results, some want justice, and some want their lives back, but at the end of the day it all boils down to one thing: making sure your voice is heard. People simply don't want to hire a law firm that doesn't take the time to truly listen to their concerns. But how do you know for sure that you've hired the right law firm?

We think we have a solution: VanMeveren Law Group is offering a 30-Day No Fee Promise to You. In simple terms what it means is that, from now on, all of our new clients, with no exceptions, have thirty (30) days from the date on which they sign their retainer agreement, to evaluate our services. If after thirty days, for any reason, a client is not satisfied with our services, and they want to take their case file elsewhere, they can do so. **And they don't owe us any attorneys' fees.**

Adoptable Pet of the Month

Leroy

VanMeveren Law Group is a proud supporter of Animal Friends Alliance. Learn more about how you can adopt, foster or get involved at savinganimalstoday.org or call the AFA Taft Hill Shelter at (970)-484-8516



Leroy is a sweet boy who loves to be near his people! He is curious and will follow you around as you go about your day. Once he has had enough activity, he will climb into your lap to sleep. Sounds like a pretty perfect puppy, huh?? Leroy is so excited to meet you and would love to make some new friends. Ask about meeting him today!

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