

New Study Shows Slips, Trips, and Falls are Leading Dispute in Real Estate

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Slips, trips, and falls are the leading cause of real estate business disputes, according to a new report by the Institute of Real Estate Management.

ROCKVILLE, Md. -- A new study indicates that slip and fall accidents are the most costly burden of the real estate sector, prompting property owners throughout the US to re-evaluate all elements of visitor safety. From floor mats to safety signs and maintenance schedules, today's litigious society demands that property owners be proactive in accident prevention to prevent injuries, lawsuits, and loss.

Interest in visitor safety and ongoing risk management analysis has peaked after the publication of a new report by the Institute of Real Estate Management, titled "New Techniques to Control Slips and Falls." Drawing upon data from the All Injury Program, the report begins by highlighting the top 5 most common types of liability claims faced by commercial real estate businesses in 2008. Topping that list is the category of "slip and fall" accidents, accounting for a reported 53% of total claims.

All Injury Program is a collaborative safety analysis initiative involving the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and Consumer Product Safety Commission. The report "New Techniques to Control Slips and Falls" is available for download online: http://www.nfsi.org/pdfs/RCRealEstBroSlipsTripsNFSICOB_CNA.pdf

The report details leading causes of accidents on commercial properties, which range from faulty structural elements to poor maintenance and upkeep. Perhaps most frustrating for property owners, the causes of slip and fall accidents are "well understood," according to the All Injury Program.

Throughout the U.S., safety consultants and product specialists tend to agree with this assessment, and some are using the Internet to make a difference. Since summer of 2010, Eagle Mat and Floor Products has been one of them.

A Maryland-based company, Eagle Mat and Floor Products has helped businesses improve facility safety with consultation services as well as safety flooring and matting products. The family-owned company took to the Web in 2010, launching <http://www.eaglemat.com> to showcase projects, products, and services.

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