

Child Injury Laws *Blog*

Property Owners May Be Liable If They Fail To Provide Safeguards For Windows & Children Get Injured In Falls

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Perhaps the parent of a toddler who fell from a third-story window of an apartment building should buy a lottery ticket?

Amazingly, [news reports](#) regarding the child's fall indicate that the boy sustained no injuries after falling from a window in the families apartment in North Carolina.

Particularly, as seasonal temperatures return to many areas of the county, and people open windows for fresh air, parents need to be mindful of the very real risk of having young children around open--- and unguarded windows.

Unfortunately, most similar reports of young children falling from windows involve children who aren't so lucky. Most children who fall from buildings with unsecured or defective window guards suffer catastrophic injuries such as fractured bones or brain injuries.

Every case where a child has suffered an injury due to a fall from a window deserves to be examined closely to determine if the property owner, maintenance company or even another

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individual may be at fault. In some circumstances, a thorough investigation may give rise to a lawsuit against:

- Building owners including: condominium, apartments, public housing agency, hotels
- Manufacturer of window, window guard or screen company
- If the incident occurred while a child was at day care or school, a cause of action may be brought against the party for their failure to supervise
- An individual if the fall was due to being pushed from the window

Basic safeguards also offer an added level of safety. Easy window fall precautions include:

- Opening windows from the top-- as opposed to the bottom
- Using window guards to prevent open access to outdoors
- Only opening windows a few inches
- Keeping furniture away from windows
- Closing windows when adults are not around to supervise

If your child has sustained an injury due to a [fall from a window](#) or other type of [improperly maintained premises](#), we would honor the opportunity to speak with you regarding the circumstances surrounding the incident. As always, there is no expense associated with speaking to me for an initial consultation regarding your potential personal injury case.

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