

Escalator Accident Causes New York Elevator Accident Attorney to Examine Frequency of Related Incidents

An escalator accident near New York injures 5 and expert New York elevator accident attorney David Perecman asks whether the incident was avoidable.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK — November 25, 2010 – Officials decided to close all 31 escalators at the Frank R. Lautenberg Secaucus Junction Station in New Jersey after an accident Sunday evening injured five people.

Following a New York Jets game, fans were riding up a 25-foot-long escalator with it came to an abrupt stop. Some people who were on the escalator at the time lost their balance and fell. A man and a woman suffered head injuries, while the other three had knee and rib injuries. All were taken to local hospitals.

According to an official, none of the [escalator caused injuries](#) were life-threatening.

“What also scares people is the knowledge that a routine trip on an escalator can take a terrifying turn. Accidents happen with escalators, and they happen with elevators. Accidents may be rare but still, they happen,” said [New York elevator accident attorney David Perecman](#).

According to a 2006 survey using data provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), [accidents involving escalators](#) and elevators kill approximately 30 people and seriously injure about 17,000 others each year in the U.S. Almost 90% of the deaths and 60% of serious injuries are elevator caused. Almost half the annual [elevator-related fatalities](#) are workers who repair, maintain, and/or service elevators

As New York elevator accident attorneys understand, almost half of the deaths of non-work related elevator injuries were due to falls in the elevator shaft, and the other half occurred as a result of being caught in-between the elevator and door or the shaft wall. [Elevator fall deaths](#) typically mean a person has fallen into an elevator shaft because an elevator door opened and there was no elevator car. Elevator accidents may be the result of improper maintenance procedures or malfunction such as in the wiring, pulley systems, door operation.

A New York elevator accident attorney experienced with handling escalator accident and elevator accident cases should be contacted as soon as possible after a person is injured

by an elevator or an escalator. An [expert New York elevator accident attorney](#) should also be contacted immediately if a family member is killed due to an escalator accident or an [elevator accident in New York](#). An elevator accident attorney should be knowledgeable in the technicalities and specifications of elevator equipment, a central issue in most New York elevator accident lawsuits.

The escalators in New Jersey have since resumed service.

“Thankfully elevator accidents in New York, New Jersey and everywhere else are rare,” said Perecman of New York, an elevator accident attorney for over three decades.

About David Perecman and The Perecman Firm, PLLC:

For the past 30 years, the New York escalator accident and elevator accident attorneys, personal injury, auto, construction accident, and medical malpractice attorneys at The Perecman Firm, PLLC have championed all types of cases for escalator accidents and elevator accidents. David Perecman, founder of the Firm, is a Board Director and the past Secretary and Treasurer of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA) and a chair of its Labor Law Committee. Mr. Perecman's achievements have brought him recognition as an Honoree in the National Law Journal's Hall of Fame, in New York Magazine's "The Best Lawyers in America" and The New York Times Magazine "New York Super Lawyers, Metro Edition" for the years 2007-2010.

The Firm has recovered millions of dollars for its clients. Among the more recent victories, Mr. Perecman won a \$15 million verdict* for a construction accident, a \$5.35 million dollar verdict** for an automobile accident, and a \$40 million dollar structured settlement for medical malpractice.

*later settled while on appeal for \$7.940 million

** later settled for \$3.5 million

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