

# Private Property Injuries and Premise Liability

There are plenty of situations where someone gets injured at a private property and where negligence was the direct cause. In such situations, it's sometimes worthwhile to file a lawsuit over the matter. If you've been injured or a family member of yours has, you may want to consider contacting an attorney.

## Common Situations

There are areas around private homes where people tend to be injured due to negligent upkeep. These include:

- Swimming pools
- Stairways
- Walkways
- Driveways
- Balconies

These injuries are oftentimes slip and fall or fall injuries that result in serious medical bills. The key element in winning one of these claims is establishing that the property owner was negligent and that they put someone at risk of being injured when they should have known better.

As an example, some people like to have parties at their pool but do not provide a safe, slip-free surface for people to walk on. In these cases, someone may be seriously injured simply because of the lack of basic safety considerations.

Another common example comes from falls from balconies. If a balcony is not provided with adequate fall protection—a high railing, for example—it may be construed as negligence by a jury. This is something that an attorney could help you with.

## Discomfort with Suing

Understandably, some people don't like the idea of someone they know, and who they are possibly friends with, being hit with a lawsuit over an injury. There are some injuries, however, and expenses that make it necessary. If someone put you in a situation that they should have known was dangerous and you were harmed, contacting an attorney is not at all out of line. There's no reason that you and your family should suffer because of someone else's negligence.

Contact an attorney as soon as possible. A [premise liability lawyer](#) can let you know whether or not you should bother filing a lawsuit. Sometimes, you may not have a good chance of winning and the attorney, if they work on contingency, will let you know and turn down your case. In other cases, however, the attorney may recommend that you do go after the negligent party with a lawsuit and the money you may receive might be enough to cover all of your damages and expenses. It starts with making a phone call to an attorney and setting up an appointment, which is generally free.

