

# Cruise Ship Safety Back in the Spotlight After Carnival Cruise

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Now that passengers of the Carnival Triumph are back on dry land, many are likely contemplating legal action for what has been described as a “trip from hell.” After an engine fire, the cruise ship was adrift for over four days without air conditioning, running water, working toilets, and adequate food and water.

Unfortunately, the bar is often very high in cruise ship lawsuits. As we have mentioned on this [Florida Injury Blog](#), cruise tickets are considered contracts, and they significantly limit the liability of cruise ship companies. For instance, Carnival passengers may only sue for physical injuries. Emotional distress claims are barred unless passengers can prove that Carnival intentionally inflicted harm. Moreover, lawsuits must also be filed in Miami, Florida, and damages are capped at \$675,000. Despite these hurdles, several lawsuits have already been filed. A Houston woman claims to have suffered severe dehydration and bruising from aggressive food lines while stranded on the ship. According to her complaint, she became so ill that she was given intravenous fluids in an emergency room when she returned home. Because the suit alleges physical injuries, it may have a better shot than most.

The bottom-line is that maritime law differs from the law on land. Therefore, if you are injured in a cruise ship accident, it is important to have an experienced personal injury attorney by your side.

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