

# Filing a Premise Liability Claim

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Filing a premise liability claim can be a big undertaking. You'll want to make sure you have a good [personal injury attorney](#) on your side that has plenty of experience with these cases. These attorneys will be able to establish negligence on the part of the premises owner that led to your injury, if that is the case, and, if the jury agrees with them, they may be able to get you a monetary award from the jury or as a settlement from the business or premises owner.

## Starting the Process

The process starts with finding a [personal injury law firm](#). If you find one that will work with you on contingency, you'll be able to meet with them for a free consultation. At this meeting, they'll get the information relevant to the case and determine if it's something that they want to represent you in. If they do and they work on contingency, they'll start working with you without charging you any upfront fees. This allows you to pursue the case without having to worry about the bill unless you win. Of course, if you win, you can pay them out of the award or settlement money.

## Settlement vs. Jury Award

When you go to court, the jury decides if your claim is legitimate and, if it is, how much money you're owed by the other party because of your injuries and pain and suffering. They may or may not award the entire amount or, if they find against your claim, they may not award anything at all.

A settlement is when the party you're suing comes forward and offers a compromise amount for not having to go to court. If this happens, you don't have to pay the costs of going to trial and you pay the attorney out of the sum you collect as part of the settlement. This is considered a win in regards to the contingency agreement.

You'll have to establish that there is some way that the party you're suing caused your injury through negligence to win one of these cases. You'll also have to quantify your claim in terms of how much money you're seeking in compensation, which is something your attorney will help you do based on how much money similar claims have won from jury awards and settlements in the past. There's no way an attorney can guarantee a win, but a good attorney makes it much more likely.