



Examples of slip and trip claims

Slipping or tripping on roads or pavements

You may have a good claim against the highway authority (ie council) if you tripped/slipped on something dangerous, including potholes, differences between flagstones, rocking slabs and dips in tarmac. You need to show the defect was dangerous. As a rough rule of thumb footway defects need to be over 1 inch/25mm and road way defects over 2 inches/50mm. The council may still have a defence if they can prove they put in practice a reasonable system of inspection/maintenance for the location. If they claim such a defence you may need to prove how long the defect was there.

Slipping or tripping on public or private property

You may have a good claim against the occupier if their property isn't safe, sometimes even if you were a trespasser. The occupier of a building is usually the owner, but could be the tenant. Tenants who are injured on the "common parts" which the landlord should repair can claim against their landlords. Very often the claim will be covered by insurance. For accidents in a public park or car park there may be a claim against the local council.

Slipping or tripping due to building or highway works

You could have a good claim against the firm who did the work or even against whoever requested the work, such as a local council or utility company. You still need to show the defect was dangerous but you don't need to show how long the defect was there.

Slipping or tripping at work

Your employers may have to compensate you if you trip/slip at work due to a dangerous hazard, which might be say a temporary spillage or a permanent defect. You could have a good claim even if the hazard was caused by the negligence of another employee.

Slipping or tripping on ice or snow

If there have been insufficient precautions taken in severe weather conditions you may have a claim. An occupier only has to do what is reasonable to make visitors reasonably safe, which may include gritting or clearing snow. A highway authority is also required to do what is reasonable to deal with snow/ice hazards on roads and footpaths. However on more minor roads there is unlikely to be a claim.



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“Could not fault your service in any shape or form. Highly professional and proficient.”
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