

## THE BRISKMAN GUARANTEE

You will receive a free consultation with an experienced attorney

# GETTING JUSTICE AFTER AN INJURY IN CHICAGO



## CHICAGO PERSONAL INJURY LAWYERS

**W**hether someone is hurt following a Chicago truck accident, slips and falls on an icy sidewalk or sustains a workplace injury, in each case, there will often be a lengthy physical recovery. However, overcoming the physical harm caused by an accident is only half the battle; accident victims must then deal with the psychological toll taken by the accident.

Regardless of how or where an accident occurs, in many cases, someone's life will never be the same as a result. At the Chicago personal injury and workers' compensation law firm of Briskman Briskman & Greenberg, we understand accidents often affect more than a person's physical health, but also their emotional and financial health, not to mention the happiness and wellbeing of their family members.

Through our unique form of client-centered representation, we are proud to have successfully represented clients in the following types of cases:

- **Slip-and-Fall Accidents:**  
Falls are one of the leading causes of emergency room visits in Illinois and across the country.
- **Car Accidents:**  
Each year there are more than 300,000 Illinois car accidents.
- **Workplace Accidents:**  
On-the-job injuries are especially prevalent in and around the Chicago metropolitan area.

**EVERY  
YEAR IN  
THE US:**



*Millions of people are treated in hospitals for fall-related injuries*

**CAR ACCIDENT INJURIES**

**14%**

*Over 14 percent of all injury causing traffic accidents result in an incapacitating injury*

## Slip-and-Fall Accidents

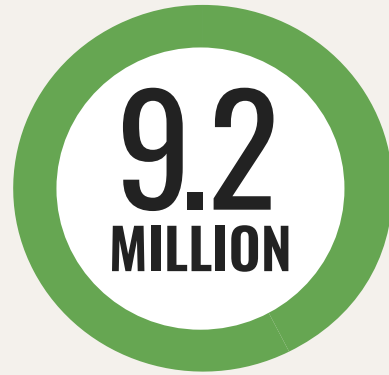
Falls are one of the leading causes of emergency room visits in Illinois and across the country. Falls can occur anywhere, including in the hardware store, at the library, or on the job. Many Chicago slip-and-fall cases involve the presence of an environmental factor, including:

- Loose carpets
- Unstable rugs
- Slippery floors
- Uneven pavement
- Lack of a handrail
- Poor lighting
- Uneven stairs
- Clutter or other potentially hazardous objects

Under Illinois premises liability law, property owners owe a duty to those whom they invite onto their land. While a landowner does not guarantee the safety of invited guests, they must take reasonable care, based on the circumstances. Typically, to succeed in bringing a Chicago premise liability case, a plaintiff must prove three elements:

- 1 The landowner knew of the dangerous condition or should have known about it through the exercise of reasonable care;
- 2 The visitor could not have reasonably been expected to recognize the hazard; and
- 3 The landowner failed to take reasonable steps to fix the condition of their property.

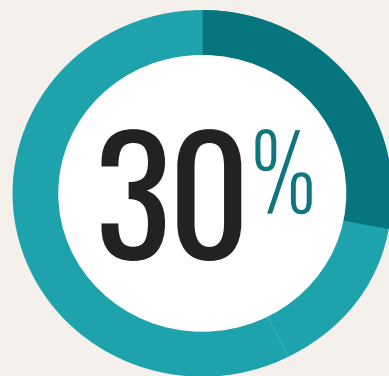
*Property owners often claim that the person who was injured on their property was responsible for their own injuries.*



*In 2016, about 9.2 million people were treated in hospitals for fall-related injuries.*



*In 2016, 697 workers died in fall-related accidents, and 48,000 missed at least a day of work after falling on the job.*



*Between 2007 and 2016, the fall death rate for older adults increased by 30 percent.*

## CAR ACCIDENTS

**E**ach year there are more than 300,000 Illinois car accidents. As a result, over 66,000 people are injured and nearly 1,000 killed. Despite the efforts of the state and federal governments, and the many non-profit organizations dedicated to safe driving, motorists continue to make poor choices.

EACH YEAR IN ILLINOIS THERE ARE OVER

300,000

ACCIDENTS

66,000

INJURIES

1,000

FATALITIES

The most common negligent driving behaviors are:

### DISTRACTED DRIVING

Between 25 and 50 percent of all traffic accidents involve some level of distraction. Most often, cell phones are responsible, as many drivers continue to talk and text while driving despite the state's ban on using handheld devices. Other distractions may include talking to passengers, eating, grooming, changing the radio station or daydreaming.

### DROWSY DRIVING

Perhaps in response to the escalating responsibilities many have taken on in recent years, the instances of drowsy driving across Illinois have steadily increased. Motorists who get behind the wheel while fatigued are making a conscious decision to drive in a compromised condition and should be held accountable when their negligence results in another's injury.

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### INTOXICATED DRIVING

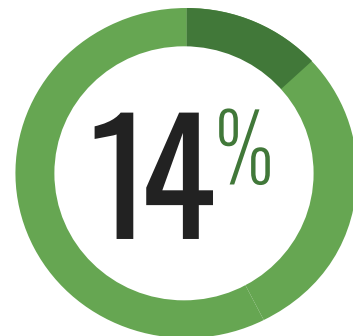
Anyone who has a driver's license knows that driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol is extremely dangerous – and illegal. Yet, drunk and drugged driving continue to be a major cause of traffic accidents in Illinois. Each year, there are over 300 fatal Illinois drunk driving accidents, and hundreds of others that cause serious injury.

### AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

Speeding, running stop signs and frequently changing lanes are all types of aggressive driving. Aggressive drivers often think that they are better drivers than everyone else on the road. Of course, that simply is not the case. By engaging in aggressive driving behavior, a motorist puts everyone on the road at risk.

*Illinois trucking accidents comprised 3.5 percent of all traffic accidents but resulted in 9.6 percent of fatal crashes.*

Illinois motorists have a duty to always drive in a safe and responsible manner. Those who are injured as a result of another driver's negligence can pursue a claim for compensation against that driver. At Briskman Briskman & Greenberg, we have over 30 years of experience handling Illinois car accident cases, and we routinely handle cases against the nation's largest insurance companies.



*Over 14 percent of injury accidents cause an incapacitating injury.*



*Motorcycle accidents account for 15 percent of traffic-related deaths.*

## Workplace Accidents

Workplace accidents are a significant cause of injury and illness in Illinois, especially in and around the Chicago metropolitan area. When discussing workplace accidents, certain types of incidents come to mind. For example, a manufacturing employee being injured by a malfunctioning piece of equipment; however, employees in almost every industry face unique hazards associated with their job. Common causes of workplace accidents include:

- Slips-and-falls
- Vehicle accidents
- Drowning
- Electrical accidents
- Occupational illness
- Being struck by or against an object
- Fires
- Chemical injuries

When it comes to recovering after an Illinois on-the-job accident, most employees can pursue a workers' compensation claim. While a workers' compensation claim can provide an injured employee with benefits that cover medical expenses and lost wages, compensation for non-economic damages is not available.

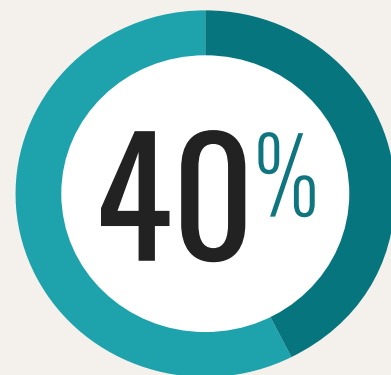
In certain circumstances, an injured employee may be able to bring a third-party liability claim. These claims are named third-party claims because they are brought against a non-employer who was responsible for, or contributed to, the employee's injury. Non-economic damages are available in Illinois third-party liability claims



## They took care of everything

*Paul Greenberg and his staff did an excellent job of representing me. I was called weekly and ask about my injuries and if I was getting good treatment. They took care of everything while I recovered.*

- S.C.



*Transportation accidents are the top cause of fatal workplace accidents nationwide, leading to 40 percent of all fatalities.*

An injured worker who successfully brings a third-party liability claim against a non-employer may recover compensation for the following:

### **PAIN & SUFFERING**

These damages compensate injury victims for the emotional and physical pain caused by an accident, including emotional trauma, new mental health diagnoses, or any other change to a person's emotional wellbeing. In some cases, damages for future pain and suffering are also available.

### **LOSS OF NORMAL LIFE**

Workplace accidents routinely impact a person's ability to carry on with the life they once knew. For example, an injury victim may not be able to partake in the hobbies they once enjoyed, or may not be capable of deriving joy from what used to be their favorite activities.

### **DISABILITY & DISFIGUREMENT**

An accident may cause permanent changes to a person's body. This may be the result of burns, scars, broken bones, amputations or skin grafts. Naturally, these changes can serve as a constant reminder of the accident and negatively impact a person's life.

*Almost all employers (99.7 percent) are covered under the Illinois Workers' Compensation system.*

**IN 2018, THERE WERE 184 ILLINOIS WORKPLACE DEATHS**



*Falls, slips and trips account for 15 percent of all work-related fatalities.*

## WORKING WITH BRISKMAN BRISKMAN & GREENBERG

Not all Illinois personal injury law firms are equal. At Briskman Briskman & Greenberg, we know you have a choice when it comes to selecting a personal injury or workers' compensation attorney. That is why we have created the Briskman guarantee, which is a six-part promise that we make to each of our clients:

- 1 You will receive a free consultation with an experienced attorney.
- 2 We do not use call screeners. When you call, you will speak with an attorney.
- 3 You will never have to pay a fee unless we win compensation for your injuries.
- 4 We will always treat you with courtesy and respect.
- 5 We will keep you advised of all significant developments in your case.
- 6 We will promptly return your calls and emails.

### The Briskman Guarantee

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**The Briskman guarantee embodies our firm's unwavering commitment to our clients and their families. We believe in the importance of forming one-on-one relationships with each of our clients, and we treat each of our clients as a valued member of our family. When you choose Briskman Briskman & Greenberg, we will take over the process, allowing you to focus on what is important – spending time with your family and concentrating on your recovery.**

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## Injured in a Chicago Accident?

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If you or someone you care about has recently been injured in any kind of accident, the dedicated Illinois personal injury lawyers at Briskman Briskman & Greenberg can help. Our attorneys represent injured individuals and their families in personal injury and workers' compensation claims across Illinois.

Our firm has over 30 years of experience advocating on behalf of injury victims, and we know what it takes to succeed on our clients' behalf. From the moment you invite us to work on your case, we diligently investigate your claim, seeking to uncover all potentially liable parties and theories of liability.

As a part of the Briskman Guarantee, your initial consultation is free and we will only accept payment if we are successful in getting compensation for you or your family. To learn more, call 1-877-595-4878 to schedule a free consultation today.