

As we head into another frigid winter weekend in Northeastern Pennsylvania, the attorneys at Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald remind you to be safe when coming and going from events and running errands.

Under Pennsylvania's hills and ridges doctrine, a property owner is not liable for generally slippery conditions that result from freshly fallen snow or recently formed ice; however, the same is not true where a pedestrian slips and falls on snow or ice that has been allowed to unreasonably accumulate over a period of time.

To overcome this doctrine, an injured pedestrian must prove (1) that the snow and ice accumulated in ridges or elevations that unreasonably obstructed travel and constituted a danger to the pedestrian; (2) that the property owner knew, or should have known, of the existence of such conditions; and (3) that it was the accumulation of snow and ice that caused the pedestrian to fall. There are several exceptions to the hills and ridges doctrine so you should always consult with an experienced personal injury attorney if injured in a fall on snow or ice.

If you or someone you love has been hurt in a fall on snow or ice, please do not hesitate to contact our dedicated team of personal injury attorneys for a free and confidential consultation.