

## MY LEGAL RIGHTS

**Q. I was shopping in my local grocery store this past weekend, and I fell because another customer spilled a drink that I did not see. What are my rights?**

A. Oregon law provides that if you are an invited customer in a business and you are providing an economic benefit to that business, then the business owes you a special duty to look out for your safety. Your grocery store had the obligation to warn you of all hidden dangerous conditions in the store and any other conditions that created an “unreasonable risk of harm to you”. It is important to determine if any grocery store employee knew or should have know of the other customer’s spill. If the spill occurred moments prior to your fall, then it is unlikely that the hazard was unreasonable. On the other hand, if an employee knew of the spill or should have learned of the spill, then the store had an obligation to warn you. These are complicated legal questions, and you should consult with an experienced personal injury attorney to protect your rights.

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