

\$250,000 Settlement in Construction Fall

A woman fell on a temporary walkway at a construction site and was injured. Robson Forensic was retained to determine if the temporary walkway created an unreasonable and dangerous condition which caused her injuries.

During the construction of a walkway, the existing sidewalk was removed and plywood was used to construct a temporary walking surface. When the woman stepped onto the plywood, it moved, and she fell, injuring her elbow and forearm.

Our expert showed that the plywood panel used was unreasonable, unsafe, and inappropriate for use as a walking surface. The construction company's decision to use plywood at this spot, rather than the precast concrete panels used everywhere else on the site, deviated from the safe and approved project plans and violated safe standard of care. Furthermore, the failure to adequately warn or post signs was negligent and contributed to the woman's injuries.

This case settled favorably for our client.

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