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ASK THE PROFESSIONAL

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I have slipped (or tripped) on someone's property and suffered injury. Is there anything I can do about it?

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Quite possibly. There is special legislation that deals with this sort of situation called the Occupiers Liability Act ("OLA"). What the OLA says is that an occupier of premises owes a duty to take such care as in all the circumstances of the case is reasonable to see that persons entering on the premises are reasonably safe while on the premises. It is a fairly significant obligation making the premises reasonably safe. An occupier is someone who is in possession of land or structures, or who has responsibility for and control over the condition of premises or who can enter the premises. This obligation requires, for instance, the reasonable removal of ice and snow, or the maintenance and repair of walkways. This same duty does not apply to trespassers or people who willingly accept risks – those situations are governed by another part of the OLA. Importantly, there is a 2-year limitation period to commence a claim for damages arising from a slip or trip and fall. Also, if you are injured on Crown land, you must give the Crown notice of the accident within 10 days of the event. If you have had a slip or trip and fall and suffered injury, give me a call for a free consult at my office in the Lounsbury Life & Group Insurance Benefits building at 8 Guelph Street, Georgetown.

SPORTS

Nominations now being accepted for Halton Hills Sports Hall of Fame

Halton Hills Sports Museum is looking for athletes, teams or builders worthy of being inducted into the annual Halton Hills Sports Museum Hall of Fame in 2016.

Any person or team who is, or has been distinguished as an athlete, executive member or coach, or, who has brought honour to Halton Hills, will be eligible for election, provided he or she was a resident of the Town of Halton Hills at the time of the achievement, which is the basis for his or her or their contribution.

Builder candidates may be either active or inactive at the time of their consideration.

Full nomination criteria and forms are available on the museum's blogspot, halton-hillssportsmuseum.blogspot.com



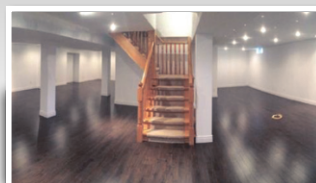
Deadline for nominations is Feb. 28, 2016.

Drop off or mail nomination forms, with supporting documentation to: The HHSM Selection Committee Chairman John Boyce, 8 Hillside Dr., Georgetown, ON L7G 4W3 or jboyce3@cogeco.ca, 905 877-8911.

The museum, located in the Mold-Masters SportsPlex, is seeking nominees for the gala induction ceremony on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at the John Elliott Theatre. The evening begins with a reception at 6 p.m. and the formal awards ceremony begins at 7 p.m.

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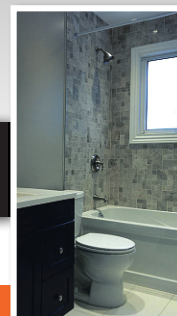
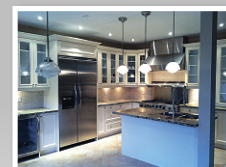


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