

Fall: Hand Sanitizer Dripped On Floor Of Corridor, Or So Suit Claimed.

Throughout the corridors of the hospital were dispensers mounted on the walls for a hand sanitizer for physicians, nurses, staff and visitors to clean their hands to avoid contamination.

The hand sanitizer, described by the Superior Court of Connecticut as a “slippery liquid substance,” tended to collect in small puddles on the floor directly beneath the dispensers.

A visitor sued, claiming just such a slippery puddle of hand sanitizer was the culprit in her slip and fall injury case.

The court agreed, but only in general terms, that the visitor’s allegations pointed to potential legal liability against the hospital.

The eyewitness testimony in this case, however, was that the visitor was walking and fell in the center of the corridor. Any hazard created by drippings from a dispenser was not a factor. **Smith v. Yale-New Haven Hosp.**, 2008 WL 4514887 (Conn. Super., September 16, 2008).