

# Open Door on Moving Metro-North Train Attracts Attention of New York Personal Injury Lawyer

**Metro-North is investigating what could have been a deadly ride aboard one of its trains.**

NEW YORK, NEW YORK – February 1, 2011 In New York, personal injury lawyer David Perecman knows frigid winter has more hidden dangers than ice on a sidewalk. Freezing temperatures caused a door to malfunction on the 8:03 a.m. Metro-North train from New Canaan, Connecticut. The car door was stuck wide open after the train left the 125th Street station in Harlem and rolled toward Grand Central Terminal.

The door remained open for about two and a half minutes before sliding shut on its own. A passenger used his hand to close it completely. Apparently, conductors did not realize there was a problem until the train stopped at its final New York destination of Grand Central Station.

Nobody was hurt in what could have been a fatal train accident in New York.

What is also unclear is why train conductors did not know of the malfunctioning door. When a train door does not close correctly, a red light should go on. The train would then be stopped until a member of the crew can fix the problem and prevent possible injury to train passengers.

“Metro-North was lucky no was injured or killed. Victims of malfunctioning equipment, such as an open door on a moving train, have the right to seek compensation for the cost of medical care and treatment, lost wages, and pain and suffering, if the circumstance was caused by another person's negligence,” said New York personal injury lawyer Perecman.

Whether the malfunction was caused by negligence is still being determined. Metro-North is investigating the incident.

A rider on the crowded train captured the incident in a video that made its way online to YouTube. Accompanying the video was the description, “Open door on MetroNorth from Harlem/125th to about midway within the tunnel to Grand Central. No warning lights, no conductors nearby.”

Single-digit temperatures lead to problems with motors and brakes on many trains, including the Metro-North trains in New York. While this incident was considered unusual, poorly-maintained train equipment can pose a danger the public.

If you have been injured by equipment malfunction or in a train accident in New York, you want an experienced New York personal injury lawyer who will help you get full and fair compensation for all your injuries. Contact The Perecman Firm if you have been in a personal injury accident or a train accident in New York.

**About David Perecman and The Perecman Firm, PLLC:**

For the past 30 years, the personal injury accident, auto accident, construction accident, and medical malpractice lawyers at The Perecman Firm, PLLC have championed all types of cases concerning personal injury. David Perecman, founder of the Firm, is a Board Director and the past Secretary and Treasurer of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA) and a chair of its Labor Law Committee. Mr. Perecman's achievements have brought him recognition as an Honoree in the National Law Journal's Hall of Fame, in New York Magazine's "The Best Lawyers in America" and The New York Times Magazine "New York Super Lawyers, Metro Edition" for the years 2007-2010.

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The Firm has recovered millions of dollars for its clients. Among the more recent victories, Mr. Perecman won a \$15 million verdict\* for a construction accident, a \$5.35 million dollar verdict\*\* for an automobile accident, \$680,000 for a woman injured by a bus\*\*\*, and a \$40 million dollar structured settlement for medical malpractice\*\*\*\*.

\*later settled while on appeal for \$7.940 million

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