

## Case: Personal Injury Stemming from Product Liability

A San Francisco law firm requested surveillance of a burn victim, who was injured by a fireball on a second floor apartment balcony. Four years later the claimant continued to complain of constant residual pain related to stiffness and severe restriction in walking. An independent medical examiner concluded there was no medical reason to preclude ambulation.

Videotape was exposed, depicting the claimant shopping for furniture during a four-hour period on a Saturday afternoon. The videotape assisted the defense attorneys during settlement negotiations.

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11:13 AM Subject drives to Levitz Furniture Store, 4741 Watt. She parks, exits the vehicle and enters the store with her companion. Video

11:31 AM They exit Levitz and walk to Terri's Consigning and Design. The subject steps onto the sidewalk, leading with her right foot. They enter the warehouse and engage in conversation with someone inside. Moments later, they exit the store and walk to Cargo Largo in the same shopping center. Video

11:41 AM They return to the vehicle and depart. Video

11:44 AM Subject drives to Lowe's in the Sunrise Marketplace. She parks, exits the vehicle, retrieves a shopping cart and pushes the cart to an outdoor flower display. The subject and her companion shop for flowers. At one point, the subject picks up a potted plant in her right hand, but returns it to the display. They enter the Garden Center at Lowe's. Video

12:15 PM Subject pushes the cart of purchases to her vehicle. She retrieves her keys and opens the rear storage compartment. Next, the subject uses both hands to load the purchases into the vehicle. She raises both arms above her head and manually lowers the rear compartment door. The subject enters behind the wheel and departs with her companion. Video