

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

GEORGE WOODS,

Plaintiff,

v.

Circuit Civil Division

PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS, INC.,
a Florida For-Profit Corporation,

Case No.:

Defendant.

_____ /

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

Plaintiff, GEORGE WOODS, by and through the undersigned counsel, sues Defendant, PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS, INC., a Florida For-Profit Corporation (hereinafter "PUBLIX"), and alleges:

ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

1. This is an action in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$75,000.00), and within the jurisdictional limits of this Court.
2. At all times material hereto Plaintiff, GEORGE WOODS, was and is a resident of Broward County, Florida.
3. At all times material hereto Defendant, PUBLIX, was and is a Florida For-Profit Corporation actively doing business in, *inter alia*, Pompano Beach, Broward County, Florida.
4. Venue is proper in this county in that Defendant, PUBLIX, operates supermarkets in Broward County, Florida, and/or all of the acts complained of herein occurred in Broward County, Florida.

5. That on or about January 26, 2026, Plaintiff, GEORGE WOODS, was a business invitee of Defendant, PUBLIX's, premises/supermarket located at 1140 SW 36th Avenue, Pompano Beach, Florida 33069.

**COUNT I-NEGLIGENCE CLAIM AGAINST
DEFENDANT, PUBLIX**

Plaintiff re-alleges and restates the allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 5 as if fully set forth herein below.

6. At all times material hereto, and specifically on January 26, 2026, Defendant, PUBLIX, managed, controlled, operated, and/or maintained the premises located at 1140 SW 36th Avenue, Pompano Beach, Florida 33069.
7. That on or about January 26, 2026, Plaintiff, GEORGE WOODS, was lawfully on Defendant, PUBLIX's, premises located at 1140 SW 36th Avenue, Pompano Beach, Florida 33069, when he was forced to the ground by a PUBLIX employee who negligently attempted to pass Plaintiff in a narrow area causing him to fall and injure himself.
8. Defendant, PUBLIX, owed a duty to its business invitees to provide a reasonably safe environment.
9. Through its agents, servants, and/or employees Defendant, PUBLIX, breached its duty owed to Plaintiff, GEORGE WOODS, to operate the supermarket in a reasonably safe manner by:
 - a. Negligently failing to provide sufficient room while passing Plaintiff, GEORGE WOODS, while he was walking in an aisle causing him to lose his balance and fall.; and/or
 - b. Negligently coming into contact with Plaintiff, GEORGE WOODS, while he was walking in an aisle causing him to lose his balance and fall.; and/or

- c. Negligently failing to warn Plaintiff, GEORGE WOODS, that the employee was passing too closely to him while he was walking in an aisle.

10. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned negligence of Defendant, PUBLIX, Plaintiff, GEORGE WOODS, suffered significant and severe bodily injuries, resulting pain and suffering, disability, disfigurement, physical impairment, inconvenience, mental anguish, loss of the capacity for the enjoyment of life, expense of hospitalization, medical and nursing care and treatment, loss earnings and loss of ability to earn money in the future and/or aggravation of previously existing conditions. These losses are either permanent or continuing in nature, and Plaintiff, GEORGE WOODS, will suffer these losses in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, GEORGE WOODS, respectfully demands judgement against Defendant, PUBLIX, for damages, costs, interest, and all other relief this Court deems just and appropriate under the law.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff, GEORGE WOODS, hereby demands trial by jury on all issues so triable as of right by jury.

Dated this 14th day of July, 2026.

CHATENKA & VANNATTA INJURY LAW, PLLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
770 SE Indian Street, 2nd Floor
Stuart, FL 34997
Tel: (772) 200-4166
Fax: (772) 324-2003
Email: tim@actvlaw.com
aaron@actvlaw.com
paula@actvlaw.com

By: /s/ R. Timothy Vannatta.
R. TIMOTHY VANNATTA, Esq.
Fla. Bar. No.: 0055890

/s/ Aaron Chatenka
AARON CHATENKA, Esq.
Fla. Bar. No.: 0078110