

WEEKLY QUESTION AND ANSWER FOR NEVADA HOA INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS & ORGANIZATIONS

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Question: What should be done if we walk our common areas and continually see tree roots raising sidewalks causing trip hazards?

Answer: This is a serious liability problem and should be looked at a minimum annually. Put it into the Landscapers contract to bring this type of serious problem to the managers attention and have a vendor come review the sidewalks, parking areas and common areas looked at least 2 times a year.

One of serious issues is if someone is walking at dusk and does not see the trip hazard. They can take legal action against the association if they have to have medical care and are hurt enough to need medical attention. This actually happened in my community.

Be aware, however, that if the contractor grinds it down too far, the concrete can fail and now you have another problem as it is a deeper **hole** someone can trip on vs. a raised side. Bring that to their attention before the inspection.