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GREELEY, Colo. -- A Colorado jury has awarded \$15 million to a truck driver who said she slipped and fell on ice and grease while making a delivery to a Walmart in Greeley.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. tells the Greeley Tribune that it's considering appealing the award for 41-year-old Holly Averyt of Cheyenne, Wyo., which a jury ordered Friday.

Her lawyer, Gregory Gold, says it could be one of the highest such verdicts in the country.

Gold presented city documents showing that some grease from the store's deli didn't get trapped in a device designed to keep it from getting into the sewer. He said Averyt had to undergo three spine surgeries, was unable to return to work and lost her truck.

A Wal-Mart spokesman said the company respectfully disagrees with the verdict.

Information from: Greeley Daily Tribune, <http://greeleytribune.com>

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This shouldn't have even been a case. Workers compensation should have been her exclusive remedy. But I bet she didn't have coverage so of course she had to sue. The fact that she's a truck driver and probably overweight with pre existing back injuries didn't come into the discussion. I mean 15 million??? How did they come to that amount she must have been making about 300k a year! Sign me up. Tort law is bull because you shop the case into a liberal jurisdiction where the jurors are all idiots who love making another idiot rich.

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**Kenny-Lives** 2 minutes ago | [Report Abuse](#) 0 0  
 Why do you rethughicans stand up for Walmart ?  
 @#\$\$ is wrong with you ?  
 I hope you all have to lose your trucks and have three spinal sugeries, and NOT get any money !

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**Criminalien** 2 minutes ago | [Report Abuse](#) 0 0  
 Pay up, Wal-Mart. She deserves the cash. Every penny. You do your job and keep your facilities in safe and operable condition, and when you don't--we exercise our right to sue the fat pants off of you. Isn't that why you have insurance? Duh.

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**On\_Condition.** 2 minutes ago | [Report Abuse](#) 0 0  
 dude or dude-ette, what the hell is wrong with you. pleses let me know where and who you are, so i can have it arrainged to mess your spine up, and then see if you feel the same. not making treats here, but look it up. you could not possibly know what pain truly is untill this happens to you. to never be able to work again, to have unbleivable pain 24/7 365/ days a year, to be on know telling what meds to help,, but not be out of pain but only to curb it a bit. to lose everything you have during all the time it take for workers comp to go through the ringer, the cycle of mind numbing grief through it all, and then finally getting the much needed care. and then it could take years before you go to court. and the odds of winning??? yeah, you just don't know what one goes through. and after you undergo three spine surgeries, you'll always have problems from scare tissue are many other things.

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 Wondering what all these negative posters on here would expect as compensation in the unfortunate event something like this ever happens to them.  
 Walmart could write a check out of their petty cash account for the amount awarded. Who is everybody kidding?

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**Neo** 4 minutes ago | [Report Abuse](#) 0 1  
 Wow I guess this is a case of "dumb and dumber" the woman being dumb and Colorado being dumber. I hope she doesn't see a dime of the money because I can tell you right now she doesn't DESERVE it.

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**Mike Wendling** 4 minutes ago | [Report Abuse](#) 0 0  
 Ice and grease? Did she slip on the grease first, then the ice? Or was it the ice then the grease. Who the hell was responsible for the grease? This is way to assinine. She must of had made the jury a promise of cash. And why did this story writer cut off the last 4 letters of her lawyer's name (BERG)

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Sorry four billionaires can, give a little back to help families be better equip for the life.  
30,000.00 for net will break them.  
Like gambling walmart will leave you dry.

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People serving on these juries think they are running a lottery. I served on one that was a lawsuit against a hospital and they just didnt understand that the awards they were making were partially responsible for the increased cost of medical coverage..... the younger fellows were throwing millions of dollars around like it was monopoly money.Lawyers for Ropes and Grey loved it.....

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