

Subj: **lack of sidewalks along Kam Highway in Haleiwa**
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Several years ago I was visiting the North Shore with my husband, daughter and her family. It was a busy weekend day in Haleiwa and I believe there were some special activities going on. We parked in the Haleiwa Shopping Center and then walked on Kam Hwy heading to the Haleiwa Market Place. We walked facing traffic but could not walk on the road due to the heavy traffic. When we were almost in front of the Kentucky Fried Chicken I stumbled over a large rock partially sticking out of the ground and fell, severely lacerating my right knee. I was bleeding quite a bit so my daughter who got very upset and went into Kentucky Fried Chicken to grab paper towels to try to halt the bleeding. It was apparent that I would need medical care so we went to Wahiawa Hospital Emergency room where I spent several hours being X rayed and having the wound closed. My knee was very swollen and further Xray interpretation revealed a cracked patella. Both of my grandchildren were quite upset to see Grandma in such a condition as my activities were severely curtailed during their visit from California.

I should have taken some action at the time to see that someone was aware of how hazardous it is to walk along the d road where there is no sidewalk. I count myself fortunate that I didn't break a hip, but I continue to have knee problems and have a scar to the extent that it appears that I have had knee surgery.

I was visiting from the Big Island at that time but now am an Oahu resident. I previously lived for 13 years on the North Shore and am interested in seeing that the area develop appropriately and safely.

Don't hesitate to call me for further information and/or to view my scar.

Thank you,

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