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Think Twice About Texting While Walking

Walking is a healthy use of your time. Walking while texting can cause serious injuries. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, pedestrian deaths were the only group of road user fatalities whose number increased over the last decade. While you might realize that walking and texting is not a good idea, most people still do it.

Texting while walking diverts attention from your surroundings, significantly increasing the risk of accidents and injuries. Pedestrians engrossed in their phones may not notice oncoming traffic, obstacles on the pathway or other pedestrians, leading to collisions, falls or more severe incidents.

- ▶ Do not walk, talk and text
- ▶ Do not cross or walk in the street while using an electronic device
- ▶ Do not walk with noise cancelling headphones in your ears
- ▶ Be aware of your surroundings, especially in congested areas

If you need to talk or text, move out of the way of those around you or step to the side until you can pay attention again.

Firm Happenings

We're excited to share some wonderful news! We are proud to announce that our Partner, Michael Famiglietti, has earned his way into the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

We are thrilled to share that, in addition to this achievement, our team has grown, and we welcome Odalis Reyes-Cruz as our newest Intake Specialist.

As summer comes to a close, we hope you enjoy the fall season, and we wish all parents and teachers a successful 2025-2026 school year.

As always, we are here if you need us!

From all of us at Rosenberg & Gluck, L.L.P.

- Erin and Matt

School Bus and School Zone Safety



Fall will be in full swing soon and school is back in session. Each day millions of students ride the school bus. A school bus has been deemed safer for a child than riding in a car. However, children can be at great risk when approaching or leaving the school bus. It is important for all drivers, as well as parents and the students, to be aware of their surroundings and to understand school bus safety.

Stop for the school bus

When you see a school bus slowing down or stopping, it's not just the bus that you need to have your eyes on – but the surrounding area too. Children wait at least several feet away from a bus and often cross the street when they're boarding or getting off the bus. This is why you must stop for school buses and not attempt to pass.

Illegal School Bus Passing

Illegal school bus passing poses a significant threat to children and others on the road. In

every state it is illegal for you to pass a school bus while the stop-arm is extended and the red lights are flashing.

Bus Stop Safety

Remind children to stand back at least 10 feet from the place where the bus will stop and that it is not a place to run around and play. Make sure the bus comes to a complete stop before allowing your child to approach and that the door is open and the driver is ready for you to load or unload. If you are crossing the street in front of the bus, double-check your surroundings, make eye contact with the driver to be sure they know you are crossing and leave 5 giant steps in front of the school bus arm.

School Zone

School zones are designated safe spaces for children, parents and school personnel. Lower speed limits, crossing guards and warning signs aim to shield these vulnerable pedestrians. Despite these precautions accidents still happen in school zones and can lead to tragic outcomes. Speeding, distracted driving, failure to yield, illegal passing, a pedestrian crossing outside the school zone area and children running into the street are common causes of school zone accidents.

The consequences of bus and school zone injuries can be severe, especially given the vulnerability of children. Physical injuries, trauma, as well as legal and financial repercussions and the impact that the accident can have on the community can be life altering. If you or your child has been injured in a school bus or school zone accident, don't navigate the legal process alone. We are here to help. Contact our office today.

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8 Car Accident Claim Mistakes and How to Avoid Them

Did you experience pain and suffering from an auto accident that was not your fault? If so, you may be able to file a claim to receive compensation. However, making mistakes can delay the resolution or reduce the compensation you're entitled to.

Every detail matters and it's crucial to understand how to avoid common pitfalls during the claims process.

Here are the top eight car accident claim mistakes and how to avoid them.

1. **Not Calling the Police:** Even in minor accidents, it is essential to call the police immediately after the incident. This official record plays a crucial role in protecting your rights and securing a favorable outcome in your case.
2. **Not Seeking Medical Attention:** Even if you feel fine, you should schedule a medical checkup as soon as possible after your accident.
3. **Admitting Fault or Making Apologies:** Apologizing or admitting fault at the scene can be used against you by insurance companies. Avoid making any statements about fault.
4. **Not Gathering Evidence:** Always take pictures of the accident scene, damage and collect contact information from any witnesses.
5. **Delaying to File a Claim:** Contact your insurance company as soon as possible to initiate the claim filing process.
6. **Speaking with the Other Party's Insurance Provider:** You must direct all communication through your attorney.
7. **Accepting a Quick Settlement:** Don't be pressured into accepting a quick settlement. This can result in you receiving less compensation than you are entitled to.
8. **Not Understanding Your Legal Rights:** The car claims process is complex. It's recommended to speak to an experienced attorney to understand your rights.

If you are considering filing an auto accident claim, our attorneys will explain your legal rights and options, helping to ensure you receive the compensation you deserve.

Injured at a Carnival? Here's What You Should Do

A crisp autumn afternoon is the perfect time to visit a local fair or carnival. While carnival rides and games offer tons of fun they can also increase your risk of an accident. Though carnival rides are always inspected and injuries are rare, they do happen. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 30,900 people suffered injuries caused by amusement park attractions in 2016 alone.

Common Types of Injuries Caused by Carnival Rides

Carnival accidents can be caused by ride defects or improperly operating a ride. Some of the most common injuries caused by carnival rides include:

- ▶ Whiplash
- ▶ Head injuries, such as concussions
- ▶ Broken bones
- ▶ Slip-and-fall injuries

Steps to Take After a Carnival Injury

If you sustained an injury at a carnival, it's important to take the following steps:

- ▶ **Get medical attention:** The first thing you should do following a carnival injury is to seek immediate medical help.
- ▶ **Gather evidence:** After receiving medical attention it's essential to gather evidence to support your personal injury claim. Take photos of the area where your injury occurred, write down the name of the ride operator and get witness testimonies.
- ▶ **Contact an attorney:** If you believe that you're entitled to compensation it's important to contact a lawyer right away. They can help you recover compensation for the physical, emotional and financial hardships you suffered as the result of a carnival accident.

Were you the victim of an accident at a carnival? If so, our personal injury attorneys can help. We will immediately investigate to find out who is at fault and hold them accountable. To receive compensation for your injuries, contact our office today.

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Important Information on Parking Lot Injuries

You've finally reached your destination after overcoming bumper-to-bumper traffic and severe thunderstorms. However, your injury risk isn't over when you pull into the parking lot and park your car. You're not safe until you're inside the building.

Unfortunately, parking lot injuries are on the rise. From slip and falls to fender benders and pedestrian accidents, the hazards can be surprisingly serious. Uneven pavement, poor lighting, icy surfaces and distracted drivers all contribute to the risk of injury. When an accident happens, knowing your rights and how to file a claim can make a big difference in your physical and financial recovery.

Who Is Liable for a Parking Lot Injury?

In most cases, the property owner is liable for personal injuries in parking lots, such as slip and falls. They have a legal obligation to maintain safe indoor and outdoor environments. You could file a personal injury claim if you slipped on ice because the parking lot wasn't plowed or tripped over a cracked pavement.

In auto accidents, you may file a claim against either the property owner or the negligent driver. Property owners could also be found responsible for parking lot crime injuries.

How to File a Parking Lot Personal Injury Lawsuit

If you're injured in a parking lot, take action right away. Document the scene with photos, gather witness contact information and seek medical attention.

Time is also a factor. Each state has a statute of limitations that restricts how long you have to file a personal injury claim. Acting quickly can help preserve your rights.

You should also speak with a personal injury attorney. They can help you navigate the legal process and build a strong case.

If you have suffered from a parking lot injury contact our office today. We will help you with your claim and fight for the compensation you need and deserve.



Chili Mac and Cheese

Ingredients:

- ▶ 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- ▶ 1 lb. ground beef
- ▶ 3 garlic cloves, minced
- ▶ 1 small yellow onion, diced
- ▶ 2 Tbsp. chili powder
- ▶ 2 tsp. ground cumin
- ▶ Kosher salt and black pepper
- ▶ 3 cups beef broth
- ▶ 1 (8-oz.) can tomato sauce
- ▶ 12 oz. large elbow macaroni
- ▶ 1 (15-oz.) can pinto beans, drained
- ▶ 1 1/2 cups grated cheddar, plus more for serving (about 6 oz.)
- ▶ 1 cup grated pepper jack cheese (about 4 oz.)
- ▶ Cilantro, for serving
- ▶ Hot sauce, to taste
- ▶ Sour cream, for serving (optional)

Instructions:

1. Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. When the oil is hot, add ground beef, garlic, and onion. Season with the chili powder, cumin, and a good pinch of salt and pepper. Cook, breaking up the meat with a wooden spoon, until the beef is cooked through and browned, 6 to 8 minutes. Stir in the beef broth, tomato sauce, macaroni, and beans. Bring to a simmer, cover, and cook, stirring occasionally, until the sauce is thick and the macaroni is al dente, 12 to 14 minutes.
2. Remove the pan from the heat. Add the cheddar and pepper jack, and fold until the cheese is completely melted. Serve in bowls with cilantro, more cheddar, some hot sauce, and sour cream.

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Electric Bike Popularity is on the Rise

The Electric Bike (EB) has become an ideal mode of transportation because it is easy to operate, convenient and time saving as well as economical and environmentally friendly. However, E-Bike road-traffic injuries have been steadily increasing and are quickly becoming a road-traffic safety problem. E-Bike accidents can result in serious injuries, property damage and significant medical expenses.

Safety experts caution that without proper education and training e-bike users face a greater risk of injury or death in accidents. E-bikes are heavier and faster than regular bikes. They travel at a higher rate of speed because of their battery power; class 3 bikes can reach speeds up to 28 mph. This makes them more dangerous than regular bicycles. Pedestrians cannot get out of the way fast enough and motor vehicles do not anticipate that the bike is moving at a higher rate of speed.

Experts advise buying e-bikes that meet safety standards, being careful with charging and using lithium-ion batteries. To prevent accidents and injuries it is also crucial to properly maintain your e-bike.

Follow these safety tips:

- ▶ Always wear a Helmet
- ▶ Follow speed regulations
- ▶ Be seen and heard
- ▶ Stay alert
- ▶ Wear reflective material
- ▶ Know and use your signals
- ▶ Maintain your electric bicycle

Electric Bike accidents have been caused by defective electrical components, uncontrolled acceleration, battery fires and improper training.

If an accident occurs:

- ▶ Seek medical attention
- ▶ Document the Accident scene and gather evidence
- ▶ Notify your insurance company
- ▶ Consult with an E-Bike Accident Attorney

If you were injured by the negligent actions of a car, truck, bus driver or by another bicycle or e-bike rider while riding an electric bike, contact our office today. We are here to help.

