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Do I Have to Report ALL Car Accidents?



if it has already not been reported as it should.

Are Accident Reports Required at ALL Collisions?

Unlike major collisions, which need to be reported to law enforcement immediately, minor fender benders are a different story. If your auto accident resulted in no injuries and minor damage, estimated to be less than \$1,000 total, then you are not required by law to report the accident in most cases.

It still may be in your best interest to report a minor accident. Why?

When you contact the police, officers will come out to the scene of the accident and investigate your crash, writing down their findings in their police report. If you decide to file an insurance claim or pursue a personal injury lawsuit, the information in this police report will be incredibly vital for your case, as many times, it will discuss not only what happened but who was at fault for the collision.

Do You Have to Report an Accident to Your Insurance Company?

Reporting a car crash to the insurance company is not the same as reporting your collision to the police and, unfortunately, many people try to avoid it in fear that their insurance premiums will go up. In the long run, avoiding the insurance company is not in your best interest and can cost you even more money in the end.

That is why it is recommended that you report your accident to the insurance company as soon as possible, even if you may have been responsible for the crash.

If you have been in a serious car accident, you must report your vehicle collision to the police and the insurance company. Not only does state law often dictate that you are required to notify these appropriate parties but failing to do so can impact the value of your claim and leave you on the hook for thousands of dollars.

That is why no matter how overwhelming the scene of a car accident may be or how many things you have running through your mind, it is vital that after a crash, you take specific actions.

Do You Have to Report an Accident to the Police?

In West Virginia, motor vehicle laws dictate that if you have been involved in an automobile accident, you must report it immediately to proper local authorities if it resulted in an injury, property damage, or death.

If, for some reason, your injuries prevent you from reporting the accident immediately after your crash, you will be able to report the incident at a later time,

Family Watch: Stay Safe in Summer Heat

Summer is upon us. As you get ready to enjoy the warm weather and the great outdoors, be careful not to overdo it. Hot weather can lead to dehydration, heat stroke, and other dangerous conditions. U.S. News & World Report warns of these signs that you may be overheating:

- Fatigue
- Thirst
- Profuse sweating
- Lightheadedness
- Cramps
- Nausea
- Decreased coordination

You should seek immediate help if you or

someone near you starts exhibiting any of these symptoms. Before that happens, though, take these basic precautions:

- Wear loose, lightweight and light-colored clothing. Don't forget a hat.
- Stay hydrated. Women should consume about 2.7 liters of water a day, and men about 3.7 liters.
- Seek shelter from extreme heat.
- Avoid strenuous activity in blazing heat.
- Take a shower or bath, or a quick dip in a pool or lake.



- Use air conditioning when possible, or at least turn on a fan to keep the air circulating.
- Take frequent breaks whether working indoors or outside.

With two offices to serve you:

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How Trucking Protocols Help Keep Roads Safe

(Family Features) As both commuters and tourists return to the roads this year, they'll likely find even more commercial trucks, which are currently moving freight at unprecedented levels amid the COVID-19 pandemic. However, many people often wonder how safe those 80,000-pound tractor-trailers next to them on the interstates really are.

Event recorders. These small video cameras are installed fleet-wide and triggered to record certain events, such as when a driver is following too closely, has a hard brake, makes a non-signalized lane departure or is speeding. Since accidents involving trucks often aren't the truck driver's fault, it also captures risky behavior of other drivers, helping better assign liability in the event a collision does occur.

Speed limiters. Also installed across the entire fleet, this technology manages the speed of trucks, helping reduce accidents and improve fuel efficiency. Wi-Fi-enabled sensors remotely set maximum tractor speeds for use of the pedal and cruise control. Slower speeds also lead to fewer accidents.

Hair testing for drugs. Around 2-3% of truck drivers will test positive for prohibited substances including marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamines in a urine test. Hair testing analyzes prohibited substances metabolized in the body over a longer period and across a wider range of banned substances. A few of the major carriers, including U.S. Xpress, require a negative hair test result for all truck drivers.

"Safety is our top priority, which is why we emphasize programs like these when hiring new drivers and when talking with our customers," said Nathan Harwell, chief legal officer at U.S. Xpress. "While some of these initiatives may seem small, they all add up to keep our roadways safer for everyone."

For more information on safe trucking protocols, visit usxpress.com/researchandreports.



Recent Wins!

★★★★★ "I was very pleased with the service I received. If you need a good law firm to help with injuries for a car wreck, I highly recommend the Miley Legal Group." -Janet B.

★★★★★ "The Miley Legal Group receives the utmost highest recommendation from me for your legal needs, if within their scope(s) of practice. When I was informed that I might want to seek legal counsel, I knew immediately whom it was I needed to contact, Thomas Basile from The Miley Legal Group." -Katherine L.

★★★★★ "They go above and beyond to help you in anyway, very helpful and respond to my questions asked, they respond very quickly. The best group of lawyers you could ask for!" -Mary B.

Pet Peeves: Summer HEAT Safety

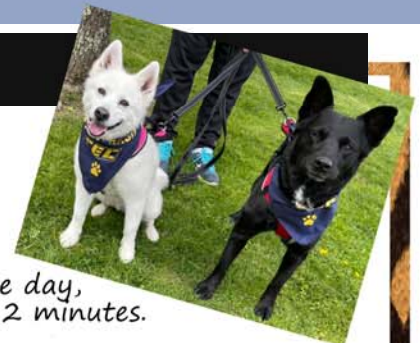
Here's the scoop, humans: We love Summer! (Well all the seasons....) however, sometimes, Summer does not love us. In order to help our owners and help us navigate the Summer heat and humidity, the Humane Society of the United States has issued a "Keep Pets Safe in the Heat" tip list and we want to share a few of them with you now:

#1 Never leave your pets in a parked car. NEVER! Even on an 85 degree day, the temperature inside a car can reach over 100 degrees in 2 minutes.

#2 On humid days, make sure your pet is kept cool. We pant to keep cool, and during more humid days, this process does not work for us and can cause our temperatures to spike making us sick.

#3 Don't rely on a fan to cool us off. Pets cool off differently than humans, we generally sweat through our feet and so fans are not as effective for us.

To get more tips to keep us safe, visit humanesociety.org.



Love
Mia & Clarabelle


Recipe of the Month: **Slow Cooker Peach Cobbler**

Ingredients:

3/4 cup old-fashioned oats
3/4 cup white sugar
2/3 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup all purpose baking mix (such as Bisquick)
3/4 tsp ground cinnamon
5 fresh peaches - peeled, pitted, and sliced

Directions:

1. Grease the inside of a 3- to 4-quart slow cooker/crockpot.
2. Mix oats, white sugar, brown sugar, baking mix, and cinnamon together in a bowl; stir in peaches and spoon mixture into prepared slow cooker.
3. Cook on Low for 4 hours.
4. Serve warm, topped off with some vanilla ice cream, enjoy!

*Recipe & Picture Courtesy of Allrecipes.com.
Submit recipes to mlg@mileylegal.com*



Words of Good Wisdom

"Like snow in summer or rain in harvest, honor is not fitting for a fool."

- Proverbs 26:1

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

- Matthew 5:16

"Summertime is always the best of what might be."

- Charles Bowden

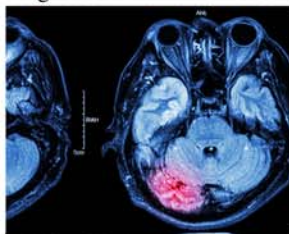
"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.."

- Audrey Hepburn

July's Cases of Interest

Accident on Main St. Caused by Out of State Driver

Our client was driving on Main Street in Bridgeport in front of the Home Depot Plaza when she was struck from behind by a car with out of state tags. The impact was similar to many rear-end collisions, but unfortunately for our client, she struck her head hard enough to be diagnosed with a concussion.



Her head injury has also lead to lasting headaches and issues with dizziness. She also not suffers from sensitivity to light and pain shooting down her spine from the back of her head.

With the other driver being from out of state and issues will be very different. It is important for our client to rely on us to assist her through the claims process.

Hit by a Mountain Line Bus in Morgantown

Our client and her passenger were traveling on Holland Ave in Westover, when they were stopped at a red light. Unfortunately for them, the driver of a large bus was not paying proper attention and slammed into the back of their vehicle causing a chain reaction that involved two other cars, each striking the one in front of them.

After the accident, our clients were taken to Ruby by a family member and subsequently diagnosed with injuries too numerous to count. They immediately hired another law firm, but the firm was unable to fight the large insurance company of the bus line and so they reached out to us for assistance and we gladly agreed to help.



"The greatest compliment we can receive is the referral of your family and friends."

Mailman Bitten for the Third Time!!!

Third time is the charm? Not for our client, the third time is just as bad, if not worse than the first and second bite.

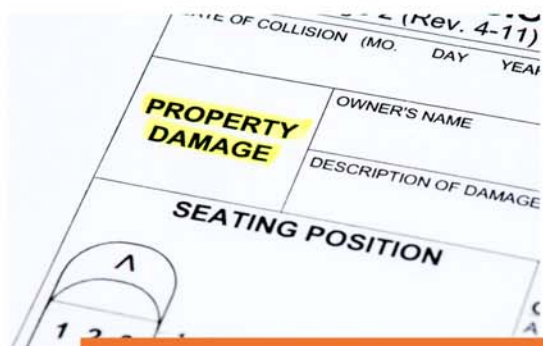
As a mailman, there is an inherent risk of dog bites, and taking every precaution does not fully prevent a bite from occurring. Our client has been bit more times than he can count, but for the last three bites, he has reached out to our firm to help him get compensation from the dog owners.



One of the biggest hurdles for dog bite claims, are those owners that do not have either renters or home owners insurance to help cover the claim. When that happens, the dog bite victim rarely recovers anything for their injury. That is why it becomes important to hire a lawyer, as our client did. A lawyer is better equipped to discover other resources that may be available to our client. In this case we are still in the investigation phase, but we look forward to helping a local postman once again.



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MileyLegalBlog.com*



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Miley Family Fun

**Robbie Miley
(former intern)
Graduated from Elon
Congratulations Robbie!**



**2021 The Miley Legal Group
Tiger Kickball Team (others not pictured)**



**Arielle Stafford and
Emmett Walsh
Wedding
Congratulations!**