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- Nursing Home Negligence
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- Explosions, Electrocutation
- Insurance Claims
- ...and many others.

## Medical malpractice Childbirth complications

Most expectant mothers anticipate comprehensive maternity support for their childbirth experience from their obstetricians and hospitals. This may include medical consultations, lab testing, ultrasounds, x-rays, and inpatient and outpatient services before, during, and after birth.

Although most births proceed without complications, when problems arise, families have recourse through our civil justice system.

### Delayed C-section

Although monitoring and medical profiling showed that an expectant mother's twin fetuses required immediate C-section childbirth surgery, physicians waited several hours before an operating room became available. One infant died in utero. The other lived but was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. When the family sued the hospital, a jury granted a significant award for future care.



## Medical product liability

Medical products that consumers purchase at retail must be designed, manufactured, and marketed with built-in assurances they are not defective and that the buyer should never be harmed by them if used properly.

An experienced products liability attorney can help anyone harmed by a product. The lawyer can assess injury or damage done by defectively designed, negligently manufactured, or improperly marketed products; calculate compensatory values; and file claims against manufacturers and other responsible parties.

### A fatal overdose

A woman recuperating from back surgery died from an overdose of the painkiller Fentanyl®. Her family's attorney sued its manufacturer, demonstrating that skin patches made with foldover errors had released too large a dose of painkiller into her body and killed her. Her husband and children also sued a physician assistant who, when called about what to do for her queasiness and vomiting symptoms, advised her to take an antinausea medication rather than rush to emergency physicians for assistance. A jury awarded \$13.3 million.

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We want you to think of us as your law firm.

If you have legal matters that need attention, please let us know. If we cannot handle the matter, we will refer you to a competent firm that can.

Please feel free to refer us to your family, friends, and neighbors for their legal needs. We welcome the opportunity to help.

Good people who happen to be good lawyers.

The

1, 2, 3's

of defensive driving

*Although you cannot control how others drive, you can take several precautions to protect yourself and your family.*

*It's estimated that more than 20 million drivers and passengers in vehicles are injured in vehicle accidents each year, and another 50,000 die in these accidents. Property costs are astonishing.*



Here are three things you can do . . .

# 1. PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY

## Safe vehicles

Drive the safest cars or trucks possible. Do lots of homework before buying. Select crash-resistant autos with safety features such as multiple air bags, antilock braking systems, head restraints, auto-locking seat belts, tire pressure monitors, and others.

Keep your vehicles in good operating condition, too. Maintain your family's vehicles to maximize safety. Keep brakes, lighting, tire pressure, windshield wipers, and all other safety and security features in tip-top shape.



## Auto insurance

Talk to your insurance agent so that you purchase auto insurance sufficient to fully protect all drivers in your family. Investigate comprehensive coverage, property damage liability, bodily injury medical payments, and others. Also consider options such as collision, towing, rental-car reimbursement, and others.

Two other insurance selections are very important.

**Uninsured motorist coverage** protects you when another driver at fault in an automobile collision has no insurance at all. It covers lost wages, medical costs, and other expenses associated with serious injuries.

**Underinsured motorist coverage** safeguards you if you are injured by an irresponsible driver who has only minimal insurance. Since uninsured motorist coverage doesn't apply, the other driver's minimal liability policy may not cover injuries you suffer. Your own policy may not cover injuries, either.

# 2.

## DRIVE DEFENSIVELY

Have everyone in your family test their safe-driving knowledge. Motor vehicle testing agencies throughout the nation typically ask these kinds of questions.

*Answers are at the bottom of the test.*

### Take the test

**1. At intersections with four-way stops, which vehicle should proceed last?**

- A. The vehicle making a left or right turn.
- B. The vehicle that reaches the intersection last.
- C. The vehicle that is farthest out in the intersection.



**2. There's a flashing red signal at an intersection. It means:**

- A. Stop and wait for the light to stop flashing, then proceed.
- B. Stop. Yield to all traffic before crossing the intersection.
- C. Slow down and cross the intersection carefully.

**3. If a semi truck flashes headlights to pass you, what should you do?**

- A. Increase your speed.
- B. Signal and pull to the side of the road.
- C. Keep to the right lane and slow down safely to reduce the time the truck needs to pass.



**4. What will cause a car or truck to skid?**

- A. Too much weight on the front end.
- B. Making too sharp of a turn.
- C. Accelerating too quickly.

**5. You approach a stopped school bus with flashing red lights. What should you do?**

- A. Stop only if approaching the bus from the front.
- B. Stop when approaching the school bus from any direction.
- C. Slow down and pass the school bus if no children are present.



**6. When merging onto a high-speed expressway, you should drive:**

- A. Five to ten miles per hour more slowly than expressway traffic.
- B. At or near the same speed as expressway traffic.
- C. Speed up as much as you need to enter the expressway.



**7. The optimum way to keep from sliding on wet or snowy roads is:**

- A. Steer around puddles or icy spots.
- B. Hit the brakes firmly to avoid sliding or skidding.
- C. Slow down.

**8. You hit your brakes while driving 65 miles per hour. How many feet will you travel each second before you come to a complete stop?**

- A. 65 feet
- B. 96 feet
- C. 124 feet



**9. What does this sign mean? →**

- A. Trucks not permitted on this road.
- B. There is a hill ahead.
- C. Trucks may not pass.

**10. What should you do if an ambulance or a fire, police, or other authorized emergency vehicle behind you displays flashing colored lights and sounds a siren?**

- A. Signal and safely pull to the right edge of the road and stop.
- B. Wait until the emergency vehicle goes by.
- C. Signal and carefully pull back into traffic.



**How well did you do?**

**Answers:** 1 B; 2 B; 3 C; 4 B; 5 B; 6 B; 7 C; 8 B; 9 B; 10 A. B, and C are all correct.

# 3.

## CALL US IF YOU GET INTO AN ACCIDENT

Even if you have a very safe car and drive with awareness, you can still become the victim of another driver's negligence. If you are in an accident, take steps to protect yourself and your passengers from further injury and other complications. In the one "Golden Hour" after the accident, gather all relevant information to protect your rights.

◆ **If you or passengers are injured, ask for transport to a hospital in an ambulance.** Always obtain medical treatment immediately. Report everything you feel may be physically wrong to medical personnel.

◆ **Report the accident to your insurance agent the same day, if you can.** Do not speak to the other driver's insurance representatives.

◆ **If there are serious medical injuries or property damage, contact us as soon as you can.** We will advise you what to do.

◆ **Make an appointment and report all injuries to your family doctor within a day or two.** Also, write a daily injury condition update journal. Comply with your doctor's instructions for faster recovery.

◆ **Do not admit any wrongdoing or sign any documents.**

◆ **Retain copies of all medical bills and related accident expenses,** such as towing and repair, as well as costs for travel, parking, and other expenses.

◆ **Document any income loss associated with the accident.**

## How we will help

As an experienced auto injury accident law firm, we can serve as your voice if you are a victim who has been physically and financially harmed in an auto accident.

We will bring experience, resources, and, most importantly, passion and heartfelt concern to bear for clients harmed by negligent or inattentive wrongdoers to correct the harm they have suffered.

We will represent and protect you. We can help you seek verdicts or settlements from responsible individuals or other parties for:

- ◆ Compensation for bodily injury
- ◆ Medical expenses
- ◆ Future medical expenses
- ◆ Loss of wages
- ◆ Lost earning capacity
- ◆ Property damage
- ◆ Therapy and rehabilitation costs
- ◆ Wrongful death

Anyone who believes that negligence has caused him or her or their family an auto-accident injury should seek legal counsel.



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## FACEBOOK® and risky disclosures

People love Facebook®, Twitter®, and other social-networking Web sites to share information about their lives with “friends.” Twitter will help members “share and discover what’s happening right now, anywhere in the world.”

However, many have learned to be careful with what they share online. Lawyers for disputants in divorce cases, for instance, are searching “social landscape” Web sites for evidence.

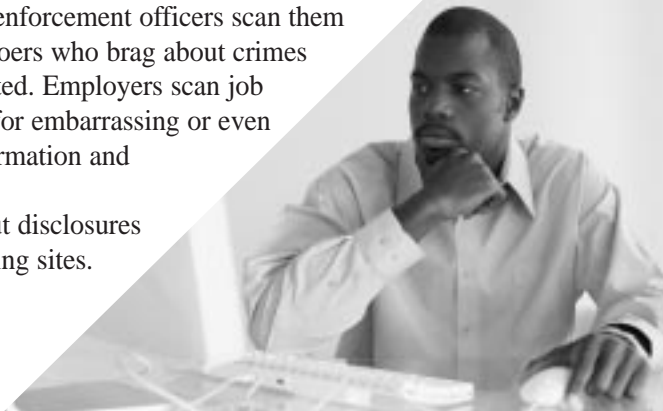
### What kinds?

- Diamond jewelry for a girlfriend of a separated husband who claims he has limited marital assets.
- Résumés and job applications from a divorcing wife who requested substantial alimony because she was unemployable.
- Photos of a mother in a child-custody case who swore she stopped consuming alcohol, holding a beer at a family get-together.



Others watch social-networking sites, too. For instance, law enforcement officers scan them to capture wrongdoers who brag about crimes they have committed. Employers scan job applicants' pages for embarrassing or even incriminating information and photographs.

Be careful about disclosures on social-networking sites.



## Premises liability

Businesses have a legal duty to provide sensibly safe conditions for employees and all others who enter their premises. People injured through the negligence of others who fail to protect them from physical harm can call on lawyers for help.

### Nightclub negligence

A young male guest leaving a nightclub tripped on the unlit, elevated edge of a dance floor and fell on a pile of broken glass. Razor-sharp shards severed a nerve in his hand, which surgeons were unable to reconnect. He has no feeling in several fingers, which are permanently clawed. He experiences pain in the rest of his hand, which neither physical therapy nor medication has alleviated. His attorney sued the nightclub, alleging that the defectively designed dance floor was a dangerous fall hazard. Further, employees failed to remove broken glassware they knew was on the floor, adding to a dangerous condition. The parties settled after a jury recommended that the plaintiff receive a significant award.