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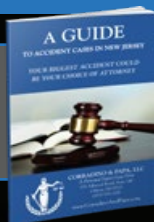
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SPORTING EVENTS AND 'assumption of risk'

This spring and summer, millions of fans will walk through the turnstiles to cheer on their favorite major league, minor league, and college baseball teams. In doing so, however, fans accept a certain level of risk ("assumption of risk").

Stadium owners have an obligation to act reasonably to minimize spectator injury risks posed by the game, hence the netting behind home plate. However, during a game, foul balls and errant throws will enter the stands at unprotected areas. Bats that slip out of hitters' hands or pieces of broken bats may occasionally land there, too. These events are considered inherent to the game; therefore, spectators assume the risks that accompany them. Typically, stadium owners and players will not be liable for resultant spectator injuries.

The same generally holds true for other sports in which a puck, stick, ball, or hurtling player may interject themselves into fans' lives.

However, actions that are not a normal part of the sport are a different matter. For instance, a player who throws something in anger at another player but strikes and injures a fan instead, or a players' brawl that spills into the stands and causes harm to spectators.

Assumption of risk also does not apply to circumstances originating from outside the field of play. For example, if an attendee is injured due to a defective product (e.g., railing, escalator, steps, etc.), inadequate lighting, a slip-and-fall incident, or lack of security personnel, among other possibilities, he/she may have a valid personal injury claim.

Attending a ball game should be a fun night out. However, if you are injured, contact [Corradino & Papa, llc](#) to explore your options. ■

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WARM WEATHER ... with a twist of lyme



From spring through summer, Lyme disease can be a menace, spread primarily by the deer tick. The tick is not the source of Lyme disease; it is merely the carrier, feeding off animals that are host to the offending bacteria, *Borrelia burgdorferi*.

Ticks cannot jump or fly. They rest on low-lying vegetation and attach themselves to humans or animals who brush against them.

When a tick feeds on a victim, the transfer of Lyme disease—which takes at least 24 hours—is aided by immune suppressors contained in their saliva, which shield the bacteria as it invades the host's bloodstream.

Lyme disease's familiar bull's-eye rash is evident in only 70 to 80 percent of cases. Early-stage Lyme disease is highly treatable. Untreated Lyme disease can lead to severe arthritis, neurological damage, and serious cardiac conditions.

The reason many early tests for Lyme disease turn up false-negative is that it takes the body four to five weeks to build up antibodies that show up in blood tests. Anyone tested sooner may get a false reading.

When spending time in wooded or grassy areas, protect yourself from ticks by wearing light-colored clothing (to more easily spot ticks). Cover up, use tick repellent as instructed, and conduct a thorough tick check following outdoor activities.

If you find a tick—pay extra attention to damp, creviced, and/or hairy areas—gently remove it with a fine-tipped tweezers. Do not attempt to use heat, nail polish, petroleum jelly, or alcohol to extract it. Home remedies just agitate the tick, prompting it to release more infected saliva into the bloodstream. Bottom line: Don't tick off a tick. ■

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WHEN MEDICATIONS ARE hazardous to your health

Prescription-medication errors are a common form of medical negligence. The Food and Drug Administration estimates that over 1.3 million Americans are harmed by medication errors each year, some fatally.

Sometimes a patient is at fault by failing to follow clear instructions. In other circumstances, however, physicians (and/or affiliated hospitals), nurses, pharmacists, and drug manufacturers may be responsible. The most widespread mistakes include patients receiving the wrong medication and being prescribed incorrect dosages. In addition, healthcare providers might fail to account for a patient's drug allergies, overlook potential adverse drug interactions, or neglect to inform patients of common side effects. Manufacturer and pharmacy mislabeling issues can also harm patients.

Miscommunication between physicians and pharmacists can play a significant role, too. Many medication names sound alike when spoken or have similar spellings to others, which can lead to errors. Notorious physician penmanship can contribute as well. In many areas of the country, the transition from handwritten prescriptions to electronic prescriptions has been a godsend.

Patients should inform their physicians and pharmacists of all over-the-counter medications and dietary supplements they are taking. These can negatively interact with prescription medications.

It's advisable for patients to utilize the same pharmacy for all their prescriptions, which can be invaluable for the pharmacy in keeping tabs on potential drug interactions. Roughly one-third of U.S. adults take five or more prescription medications each day.

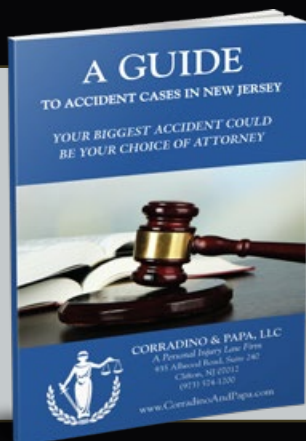
Ask questions of your physician and/or pharmacist; obtain clarification. Check the medicine container to verify the prescription and that your name is on it.

If you are injured by a medication error, contact [Corradino & Papa, llc](#) to protect your rights. ■

April 2019 – Mark Your Calendars

April 3 – National Walking Day April 5 – National Flash Drive Day April 9 – National Cherish an Antique Day April 12 – National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day
April 17 – National Bat Appreciation Day April 23 – National Talk Like Shakespeare Day April 27 – National Pool Opening Day April 30 – National Honesty Day

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Ingredients

- 6 cups grated carrots
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup raisins
- 4 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup crushed pineapple, drained
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

Preparation

1. In a medium bowl, combine grated carrots and brown sugar. Set aside for 60 minutes, then stir in raisins.
2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour two 10 inch cake pans.
3. In a large bowl, beat eggs until light. Gradually beat in the white sugar, oil and vanilla. Stir in the pineapple. Combine the flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon, stir into the wet mixture until absorbed. Finally stir in the carrot mixture and the walnuts. Pour evenly into the prepared pans.
4. Bake for 45 to 50 minutes in the preheated oven, until cake tests done with a toothpick. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan. When completely cooled, frost with cream cheese frosting. ■

