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Your Biggest Accident Could Be Your Choice Of Attorney!

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We are sometimes, at the end of the day, the only thing and vehicle that separates desperation from hope.

Finally, we are the civil police that monitor and modify bad behavior by manufacturers, insurance companies and other corporate entities.



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The Facts on Holiday Traffic Accidents

Founding partners Jack Corradino and Robert Papa and their team have extensive experience in the field of personal injury law. They have particularly extensive experience in representing victims of motor vehicle accidents throughout the state of New Jersey. We know the horror of traffic accidents...especially during

the dangerous holiday seasons. With this in mind, we have decided to dedicate this newsletter to the prevention of holiday traffic accidents. Please pass this information on to your family and friends.

Top Six Most Dangerous Holidays to Travel

To determine the most dangerous holidays for drivers, we used traffic fatality data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Here are the statistics based on the six main federal holidays. It measures the number of traffic accidents and fatalities occurring during that holiday travel period.

These are the most dangerous holidays:

6. Christmas Day

Estimated fatalities: 105 (Deaths prevented by seatbelts: 38)

5. New Year's Day

Estimated fatalities: 156 (Deaths prevented by seatbelts: 57)

4. Labor Day

Estimated fatalities: 394 (Deaths prevented by seatbelts: 143)

3. Thanksgiving Day

Estimated fatalities: 436 (Deaths prevented by seatbelts: 158)

2. Memorial Day

Estimated fatalities: 407

1. Independence Day

Estimated fatalities: 540 (Deaths prevented by seatbelts: 196)

Protect Yourself During Halloween & Thanksgiving

Halloween may not be listed on the most dangerous list above because it is not a federal holiday. Make no mistake, however, research has revealed that Halloween is the deadliest day of the year for child pedestrian accidents. In fact, we know that the deadliest hour is between 6:00PM and 7:00PM. This time period alone was responsible for 33% of child pedestrian auto accidents. 60% of the accidents occurred between 5:00PM and 9:00PM.



The Good News

Child pedestrian accidents and fatalities on Halloween can be decreased. Please

keep the following accident prevention tips in mind:

- Children should always be accompanied by adults.
- Always take a flashlight with you and wear reflective costumes or clothing.
- Always look both ways before crossing.
- Cross at the crosswalks and stay on the sidewalks. 70% of accidents occur when children are crossing in the middle of the block.

Thanksgiving, number 3 on our most dangerous list, accounts for nearly 15% of all vehicle-related fatalities in November. Making people aware of the dangers and the prevention tips has helped. Traffic deaths around Thanksgiving between 2001 and 2007 were in excess of 500 each year, peaking at 623 in 2006. Over the last five years, however, deaths have not exceeded 500. In 2011, just 375 people died on the road over the holiday, the fewest deaths since at least 1995. Please review the Top Ten List for avoiding car accidents on the next page. Take the time to remind yourself what can be done to make your holidays safe.



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We'd Like to Recommend Some Ways to Avoid Car Accidents

I. Modifying Your Driving

1. **Slow down.** Speeding reduces the time you have to react and increases the likelihood of you having an accident. The faster you're going, the harder it is to slow down. Also, stay in your lane. Defensive driving means letting others go ahead of you and not defending your position in traffic.
2. **Don't tailgate the car in front of you.** No matter how slowly traffic is moving, keep at least two seconds of following distance between you and the car ahead of you. Any less and you won't be able to stop in time if the driver in front of you slams on their brakes.
3. **Always wear a seatbelt.** This is a must, no matter where you are, what kind of car you're driving, or where you're driving to. Children should always be in a booster seat or car seat until they are tall enough and heavy enough to sit by themselves.

II. Keeping Your Car Safe

4. **Keep your tires properly inflated.** According to a recent study, five percent of all vehicles experience tire problems immediately before a crash. Tires that are underinflated by more than 25 percent are three times more likely to be involved in a crash related to tire problems than vehicles with proper inflation.
5. **Go in for regular tune-ups.** When your car is in tiptop shape, the likelihood of you getting into an accident due to a technical malfunction is greatly reduced. Get your brakes checked. A surefire way to get into an accident is to have your brakes go out on you.

6. Keep your windshield and mirrors clean.

Simply put, to avoid accidents, you've got to be able to see. With your vision even slightly impaired, you could lose that split second you need to adjust your course and put yourself in danger. Replace your windshield wipers regularly.

7. **Focus on summer driving.** The summer is the most dangerous driving season of the year, especially for teens. There are three main holidays (Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day) over three long weekends, each accounting for nearly 500 deaths.

III. Avoiding Distractions

8. **Avoid driving at night.** Most accidents happen at night or in the wee hours of the morning. You and other drivers are more tired. Your reaction times are slower, making driving overall more dangerous.
9. **Never get into a car with a drunk driver.** It is always best to have a "designated driver." If someone you're with wants to drive and they've been drinking, don't let them. There are taxis, public transit, and people you can call for assistance. There is no reason to drive when alcohol is on the scene.

And Most Importantly

10. **Don't text or talk on the phone while driving.** If your eyes are on your phone or your thoughts are anywhere else other than on the road, you're more likely to get into an accident.



Community Assistance

IMPORTANT: For Safekeeping In Your Car

Each holiday season no one ever expects to be involved in a car accident, but it does happen. When it does, you need to know what to do at the scene. And, you also need to know what information to gather. Enclosed with this newsletter, Corradino & Papa is providing you with a few cards containing those questions that need to be answered.

**Please keep them in your glove compartment.
During an already stressful time, they will help.**

Hopefully, we can make the whole experience just a little less painful.



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