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DELIVERY ROOM MISSTEPS AND Cerebral palsy



When a young child is diagnosed with cerebral palsy (CP), it can strike fear and uncertainty in parents' hearts. A child may be born with CP or develop it shortly after birth.

Symptoms vary but all children with CP will experience some degree of movement and posture-related problems due to brain damage or malformation. Nearly two-thirds of children will also suffer mild to moderate intellectual impairment, and roughly half will experience seizures, according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

Other obstacles may include impaired vision, hearing, or speech; balance and depth-perception issues; and growth problems, to name a few.

The causes of CP vary and, in some cases, can't be determined; however, sometimes medical malpractice looms large. For instance, during labor and delivery, there may be a restricted flow of blood/oxygen to the baby's brain (asphyxiation) that should have been detected immediately ... but wasn't. Asphyxiation is responsible for approximately 50 percent of brain injuries during childbirth.

Doctors might misuse delivery instruments, such as forceps and vacuum extractors, which can cause brain damage to the baby and result in CP. Delayed C-sections, infections produced by unsterile delivery rooms, and issues that crop up during delivery which should have been diagnosed earlier all raise the risk of CP.

Generally, CP will be diagnosed by the child's second birthday, usually after they fail to reach expected milestones in timely fashion (e.g., crawling, walking, etc.). Milder cases may take longer.

CP is an incurable, lifelong condition that may require extensive medical care, therapy, specialized education, and personal assistance. If you suspect your child's CP was caused by medical malpractice, contact <u>Corradino & Papa, LLC</u> to protect their rights.

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TRUCKER SHORTAGE AFFECTS affects roadway safety



According to the American Trucking Association, the year 2018 saw a truck driver shortage of over 60,000. If current trends hold, that number will nearly triple by 2028. This has major implications not only for the national economy, but also for roadway safety.

The younger generation does not currently view truck driving as an attractive job option. The pay has been stagnant in recent years; truck-driving school and CDL fees can range from \$3,000 to \$8,000; it involves long hours, with drivers frequently away from home for days at a time; and it can be dangerous. (In 2017, Time Magazine ranked trucking the #7 most dangerous occupation.)

The trucker shortage has repercussions for all who travel the roadways. For instance, some less-than-ethical trucking companies are not averse to cutting corners to meet demand. They overload trucks to transport bigger payloads, hiking the risk of rollovers, increasing stopping distances, and making trucks more challenging for drivers to control.

Some companies encourage their drivers to violate speed limits and "hours of service" regulations, leading to fatigued drivers, who can be as dangerous as intoxicated drivers. Reaction times are slowed, focus and sound judgment are diminished, and drivers may nod off.

Truck maintenance sometimes lags, as in-demand trucks stay on the roads longer, compromising their safe operation.

Desperate trucking companies sometimes relax their hiring standards, employing some drivers who are irresponsible and have less-than-pristine driving records (which may include DUIs) — a troubling situation.

If you believe a truck driver or company was at fault for injuries you sustained in a crash, contact <u>Corradino & Papa, LLC</u> to protect your rights. ■

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Mona belongs to Christian Leon and she is an adorable one year old Brindle Frenchie who has a gentle face and adorable bat ears. Mona is a friendly dog, sometimes shy and timid around strangers. She is obedient and very well behaved. Mona is from the Dominican Republic and was given to Christian for Christmas by her Boyfriend. Like all dogs, Mona likes treats fruits and antlers are her absolute favorite! She loves to play with her toys and with other dogs. She loves to spend her day inside the house lounging around and cuddling . Mona undoutbtedly brings a lot of fun, joy and happiness to her life and she is very much part of the family.

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have fun paddleboarding! (BUT PLAY IT SAFE)

In recent years, stand-up paddleboarding has made a splash in the world of aquatic recreation. It's probably best described as gliding over the water while standing on a surfboard, utilizing a paddle for propulsion. It's an adventure and a great form of exercise but be alert to possible hazards.

Paddleboarding can be done on the ocean, rivers, lakes, inlets, creeks, and canals. Check on possible local, state, or federal regulations (e.g., wearing a helmet, filing a float plan, etc.). With any water activity, drowning is a top concern. Most paddleboarding injuries are borne of the user's personal choice to forgo a personal flotation device. There are also instances in which a paddleboarder might opt to not wear a leash to remain tethered to their board. Some paddleboarders also drift into the paths of oncoming vessels or meander too far from shore.



In some situations, however, another party may be at fault for a paddleboarding injury or fatality. Equipment vendors and tour companies have a duty to instruct paddleboarders how to properly use the equipment. They are also charged with warning users of potential hazards associated with the equipment, and of "foreseeable hazards" of misusing or forgoing it. Maintaining their equipment for safety and function is a vital duty as well.

Other negligent parties could include an inattentive lifeguard; a boat operator who was under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or was otherwise reckless; or a lack of warning about a dangerous condition.

Paddleboarding should be a fun outing. If another's negligence causes harm to you or a family member, contact <u>Corradino & Papa,</u> <u>LLC</u> to protect your rights.

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Quote of the Month: "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." –Mark Twain

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GREEK YOGURT chocolate mousse

Serves 4; calories per serving: 325; prep time: 5 minutes; cook time: 2 hours

It's chocolaty, chilled, and healthier than regular mousse (but just as tasty!). Need we say more?

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup milk
- 3-1/2 ounces dark chocolate
- 2 cups Greek yogurt
- 1 tablespoon honey or maple syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Instructions



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- 1. Pour the milk into a saucepan and add the chocolate, either grated or very finely chopped or shaved. Gently heat the milk until the chocolate melts, being careful not to let it boil. Once the chocolate and milk have fully combined, add the honey and vanilla extract and mix well.
- 2. Spoon the Greek yogurt into a large bowl, and pour the chocolate mixture on top. Mix together well before transferring to individual bowls, ramekins, or glasses.
- 3. Chill in the fridge for 2 hours (if longer than that, cover with plastic wrap or foil). Serve with a small spoonful of Greek yogurt and some fresh raspberries.
- 4. The Greek yogurt chocolate mousse will keep in the fridge for 2 days.

(Recipe courtesy of Ciara Attwell, www.myfussyeater.com.)

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