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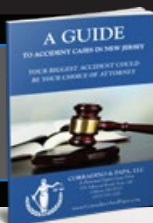
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Corradino and Papa Team CELEBRATING
ONE YEAR

In Their New Building While
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The Corradino & Papa law firm is celebrating one year of being officially back in their new office full time. They will continue to follow social distancing guidelines and measures to ensure the safety of their clients and their employees.

They would like to thank
All of the frontline workers
for keeping their community
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marijuana legalization

AND TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS



In 2012, Colorado and Washington state became the first states to legalize marijuana for recreational use. (The drug is still illegal under federal law.) Since then, additional states have followed suit, and many more have legalized marijuana for medicinal purposes.

Numerous studies have been conducted examining marijuana legalization's effect on auto accidents. The clear consensus is that auto accident figures have risen significantly in those states that have legalized marijuana for recreational use, compared to states that have not. The research has not been as clear for fatality rates.

Marijuana usage slows reaction time, diminishes perceptiveness, and impairs judgment. In addition, those under the influence are more inclined to take risks while behind the wheel. Research has also shown that THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) — the primary psychotropic agent in marijuana — in combination with alcohol appears more potent than either alcohol or marijuana on its own.

Currently, there are no consistent regulations or training protocols for law enforcement agents for detecting those under the influence of marijuana. For instance, there is no reliable breathalyzer-type test or blood/urine test to measure intoxication levels. Further complicating matters, THC can be detected in a marijuana user's bodily fluids for days, even weeks, after the last time they were intoxicated from smoking.

Sometimes marijuana intoxication symptoms seem obvious — glassy eyes, slurred speech, marijuana odor — but other times they're not as conspicuous. Accurate chemical testing for marijuana intoxication needs to be developed, as well as medically sound legal thresholds.

Marijuana legalization is shifting the legal landscape. If you or a family member is injured by an impaired driver, contact [Corradino & Papa, LLC](#) to protect your rights. ■



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the thrill of the haunt

For many people, Halloween is the season for spooky fun, and haunted house attractions are ready to accommodate them. Most of the time these ventures provide the thrills patrons crave without incident ... but not always. In some cases, however, liability issues can get dicey.

By its very nature, a haunted house is intended to be scary, with dim or disorienting lighting, blind corners, and “creatures” and objects jumping out at patrons. Patrons know what to expect and assume the risk that entails, a legal theory known as the “assumption of risk.” Haunted

house owners/operators are generally not responsible for a patron's reaction to being frightened — for instance, fainting, falling backwards, or tripping over their own two feet while scrambling away. Efforts to recover compensation for injuries often prove fruitless.

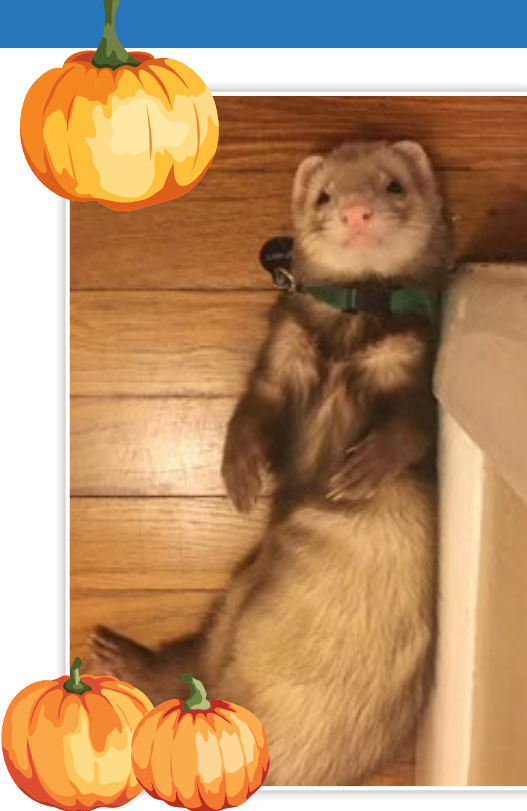
However, owners/operators must still make a reasonable effort to maintain safe premises for guests and can be held liable for injuries when failing to do so. That starts with adherence to state and local safety and fire-code regulations, and acquisition of proper permits.

Common injuries sustained at haunted houses include slip, trip, and fall injuries. A raised electric cord extended across a hallway or a wet spot on the floor can prove hazardous. Props that are not firmly attached to walls and ceilings sometimes fall on guests, causing serious injuries. Animatronics occasionally go haywire, too.

Fog and smoke machines produce carbon monoxide (CO). If ventilation is poor, CO can accumulate and poison guests. Too many patrons in one location can spark unnecessary chaos, and an actor who grabs and injures a guest can render the owner/operator liable.

If you or a loved one is injured at a haunted house attraction, please contact [Corradino & Papa, LLC](#) to explore your options. ■

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spotlight of the month

Sparky belongs to Katarina Salazar, he is 5 years old ferret that came from a ferret farm in Pennsylvania. He has managed to win the hearts of the entire Salazar household, even the ones that were not big fans at first, and everyone that meets him. He has become the baby of the family. He is playful, loving and mischievous. He loves chocolate, red wine and his chicken ferret treats. He enjoys spending his day sleeping in the sun or inside his baby blanket when it's cold, and greeting you at the door as you arrive. His favorite activities involve running after ping pong balls, , chasing you around the house, hiding things he sneaks out of your purse, or playing hide and seek. ■

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ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES CAN BE A wild ride

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are recreational, versatile off-road vehicles that can assist in a wide range of tasks or simply be ridden for pleasure. But in addition to their productive and sporting aspects, there are hazards to contend with, too.

In 2016, the last year with complete ATV fatality data, 591 riders were killed in ATV accidents in this country. In 2018, over 80,000 riders made detours to hospital emergency rooms. Seventeen percent were admitted.

ATVs typically weigh 600 pounds or more; can reach speeds of 65 mph; possess a high center of gravity; lack a roll bar, safety cage, and seatbelts; and require quick decision-making and shifting of body weight to accommodate environmental conditions. They are not toys.

Sudden, unexpected shifts in landscape, reckless driving, and tip-overs can result in serious injuries. Thrown riders are vulnerable to smashing into solid objects, landing haphazardly, or winding up pinned beneath the ATV. Head and neck injuries are most prevalent, with shoulder/arm injuries a close second. Depending on the terrain, injured riders may not be easily accessible to emergency responders.

States set their own ATV guidelines and age requirements, which vary widely. Good rules of thumb include:

- Take a safety/training course.
- Always wear an approved helmet and eye protection.
- Only ride during daylight hours.
- Wear long pants; a long-sleeved shirt; riding gloves; and ankle-high (at least), closed-toe footwear.
- Don't permit kids under age 16 to ride an ATV.

Possible at-fault parties for ATV-related injuries include another ATV driver, the ATV manufacturer (or parts manufacturer), an ATV mechanic, or a property owner responsible for maintaining the area where the accident took place.

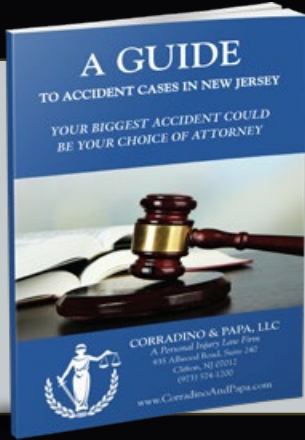
If you are injured by an ATV due to someone's negligence, contact [Corradino & Papa, LLC](#) to protect your rights. ■

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October 2020 – Mark Your Calendars

October 7 – Bald and Free Day October 13 – International Skeptics Day
October 14 – National Dessert Day October 16 – Dictionary Day October 17 – Wear Something Gaudy Day October 25 – World Pasta Day October 27 – Black Cat Day





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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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pumpkin dump cake

Ingredients

- Cooking spray
- 1 (15-oz.) can pumpkin
- 1 (12-oz.) can evaporated milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 (15.25-oz.) pkg. spice cake mix (such as Duncan Hines)
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup (4 oz.) unsalted butter, melted
- Whipped cream

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease a 13 x 9 inch metal baking pan with cooking spray. Whisk together pumpkin, evaporated milk, eggs, sugar, and salt in a medium bowl; pour mixture into a prepared pan.
2. Stir together cake mix, pecans, and melted butter in a medium bowl, forming a crumbly mixture. Sprinkle mixture evenly on top of pumpkin mixture in pan. Bake in preheated oven until center of cake is set and golden 40 to 42 minutes. Cool cake completely on a wire rack before serving, about 2 hours. Chill after cooled, if desired. Cut cake into 12 squares. Serve with whipped cream

(Recipe courtesy of Country Living, www.countryliving.com.) ■

