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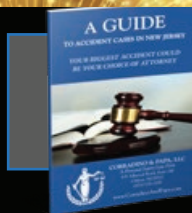
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CLEAN THE SNOW OFF YOUR CAR ...

AND DON'T *forget the roof!*

Every winter there are all-too-frequent incidents of chunks or slabs of snow and ice that fly off vehicles' roofs, leaving a trail of property damage, traffic accidents, injuries, and fatalities in their wake.

Some states, about a dozen, have laws that make it illegal to drive with snow and ice accumulation on a vehicle's roof. In these states, police can ticket drivers, with fines generally ranging from \$75 to \$1,250.

Other states have tried to pass legislation but have been opposed by trucking associations. The trucking industry believes that trying to diminish one hazard begets another — namely, truckers venturing out onto roofs that are over 13 feet high to clear off snow and ice, risking serious injury. Some also argue that a majority of trucking companies have fewer than 20 trucks and can't afford costly fixed snow-removal systems.

However, a legal duty all drivers owe one another is the exercise of reasonable care. Failing to clear a vehicle's roof of snow and ice that ends up causing injury may violate that standard and could be grounds for negligence, regardless of whether state or local laws exist or not.

If you are the victim of flying snow or "ice missiles," try to get the license plate number of the offending vehicle, or the name of the company if it was a truck. (In many cases, the drivers are not aware of what happened.) Get photo documentation if possible; call 911, which will spur a police report — important for an insurance claim or potential personal injury lawsuit; and contact **Corradino & Papa, llc** to protect your rights. ■



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WHEN SHUSHING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN goes wrong

Hitting the slopes for a day of skiing or snowboarding can be a fun, exhilarating experience. The ever-growing popularity of these activities also means a rise in accidents and injuries.

Many injuries are attributable to inherent risks of the sport and not anyone's fault ... snow and ice are slippery, many skiers/snowboarders are somewhat unsteady, falls happen. However, when injuries are triggered by dangers not inherent to skiing or snowboarding, ski resort operators, maintenance companies, product manufacturers, or other skiers may be held liable.

Examples of negligence include the following:

- Collision with a reckless skier/snowboarder.
- Lack of hazard warnings; poor course maintenance or design.
- Careless ski-lift operator or improper lift maintenance.
- Ski instructor did an inadequate job and/or sent a student down a course beyond their capabilities.
- Inattentive snowmobile or snow plow operator drives into the path of a skier/snowboarder.
- Defective equipment (e.g., bindings, helmet, skis, etc.).

Injuries on the slopes (or in the "terrain park") range from the relatively mild, such as knee injuries, wrist sprains, and fractures in the lower leg, to the more severe, including potentially life-altering head and spinal-cord injuries, and even death. Snowboarding alone accounts for more injuries among adolescents than any other outdoor winter activity.

Skiing and snowboarding injury cases can be complex. Laws, statutes, and regulations vary from state to state, and municipality to municipality; reconstructing the accident takes expertise; and the "assumption of risk" doctrine may be tricky in some cases.

If you are injured on the slopes due to negligence, contact **Corradino & Papa, Ilc.** We will fight for the compensation you deserve. ■

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'there's gold in them thar hills!' — YOSEMITE SAM



On January 24, 1848, James Wilson Marshall discovered flakes of gold in the American River, near Coloma, California — the precursor to one of the most significant events to shape American history: the California Gold Rush.

In 1848, California was technically part of Mexico (but under U.S. military control). However, nine days after Marshall's discovery, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed, ending the Mexican-American War. California became a U.S. territory.

The Gold Rush precipitated the largest mass migration in U.S. history. California's population tripled in five years, from roughly 150,000 to 450,000. This surge, and associated economics, propelled California to statehood in 1850.

Newcomer arrivals picked up steam in 1849. While most were from other parts of the United States, a significant number were immigrants from Asia and South America, many of whom embarked on dangerous journeys with the realization they would not be returning home.

While some gold prospectors struck it rich, the real economic winners of the Gold Rush were merchants. Newcomers needed supplies, and merchants were pleased to oblige — with a dash of price gouging thrown in.

Levi Strauss was drawn westward by the Gold Rush. He opened a shop to sell canvas tarps and wagon coverings to miners. When Strauss heard miners' complaints about a lack of durable, rugged work pants, a not-yet-invented light bulb went off in his head. He added a certain denim article to his inventory ... his own personal gold mine.

For many prospectors whose luck didn't pan out, the agricultural sector beckoned. In the second half of the 19th century, California became an agricultural powerhouse, its clout extending from the United States to Europe.

The California Gold Rush was not America's first — that honor goes to North Carolina in 1799 — but its impact on our country was second to none. ■

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spotlight of the month

Harley belongs to Isabel's family. She is a female, pure bred Dalmatian who was born to an Amish family in Pennsylvania before we had the privilege of bringing her into our family.

Since 2014, she has been with our family doing many fun and exciting things like chasing her own tail, napping, cuddling, going for walks and begging for treats.

Harley's greatest ambition is to be the best cuddle buddy of the century and she is almost there, however, if you come across Harley in your lifetime, DO NOT give her any more treats! ■

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THE BENEFITS OF A structured settlement



Once a personal injury plaintiff settles or wins their case, they may need to decide how to receive their compensation. Two common options are a lump-sum payment or a structured settlement, which is a series of payments over a period of time.

With a structured settlement, the defendant (or their insurance company) typically transfers the amount owed in the settlement/verdict to a third-party administrator, who disburses the funds to the plaintiff according to the agreed-upon terms.

Plaintiffs have the flexibility to choose the payment amounts, the frequency of payments, and how long payments will continue. For instance, a plaintiff can request a large initial payment to handle pending bills, then receive smaller amounts after that, or opt for smaller payments initially and larger ones down the road. An allowance for additional payment amounts can be made for extraordinary expenses, such as a child's college tuition. Some plaintiffs choose to delay payouts until they reach retirement.

Advantages of a structured settlement include lowering the risk of spending money too quickly or lavishly; avoiding the hassle and complexities of managing a large sum of money; and having the assurance of future income.

Drawbacks of structured settlements include a plaintiff's inability to alter the terms of the settlement if their circumstances change, and inability to make their money grow until they have it in hand.

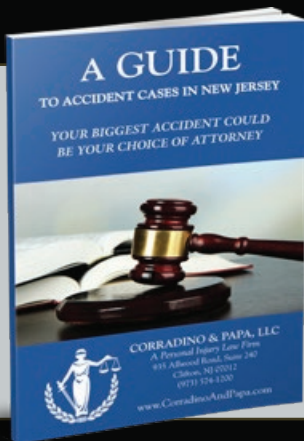
Structured-settlement payments are generally not taxable, but earnings made from investments of that money typically would be. In many instances, structured settlements makes the most sense for large settlements.

Corradino & Papa, llc can help you determine if a structured settlement best suits your situation and make recommendations on its details. ■

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January 2021 – Mark Your Calendars

Jan. 3 – Festival of Sleep Day Jan. 4 – Trivia Day Jan. 10 – Houseplant Appreciation Day
Jan. 12 – National Hot Tea Day Jan. 17 – Ditch New Year's Resolutions Day
Jan. 18 – Thesaurus Day Jan. 29 – National Corn Chip 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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braised pork IN SWEET SOY SAUCE

Serves: 4; prep: 10 minutes; cook: 30 minutes; total: 40 minutes

Tender pieces of pork braised in a flavorful sauce with a touch of heat. This is a fabulously easy-to-make takeout fake-out dinner. Pork owns New Year's Day ... it's pretty good the rest of the year, too.

Equipment

- 3.75-quart braiser
- Glass mixing bowl set (3 piece)

Ingredients

- 2 lb. pork loin
- 2 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 tbsp. garlic and ginger paste
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 tbsp. sesame oil
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- (NOTE: There are plenty of low-sodium substitutes on the internet.)
- 4 tbsp. sugar
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1 tbsp. chili garlic sauce

Garnish

- 2 green onions, chopped (optional)

Instructions

1. Cut the pork in about 1-inch pieces. Sauté in a pan with the vegetable oil for about 3 minutes over medium-high heat until the pork is no longer pink and starts to brown.
2. In a medium bowl, mix the rest of the ingredients. Pour over the pork and bring to a boil. You may think there's too much water, but it will reduce. Once it's boiling, turn the heat down to low and let simmer for about 30 minutes uncovered, stirring occasionally, or until there's only about 3 tbsp. of sauce left.
3. Garnish with green onions. Serve over noodles or steamed rice.



(Recipe courtesy of Joanna Cismaru, www.jocooks.com.) ■