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Happy Father's Day

Father's Day

TOOK A WHILE TO GET ROLLING



Mother's Day began to be widely celebrated in 1907 and became a national holiday in 1914. In Washington State in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd decided she wanted to honor hardworking fathers across the state after listening to a Mother's Day church sermon.

Dodd's inspiration was her own dad, who raised six children by himself after his wife died during childbirth. Dodd whipped up support among church, government, and business leaders. By 1910, Father's Day was recognized statewide.

Originally, Dodd hoped the first celebration (in 1909) could be on June 5, her dad's birthday. Town officials ultimately needed more time to prepare, so the date was pushed back to the third Sunday in June — where it has remained ever since.

Father's Day didn't catch on immediately with dads. Many balked because the holiday was too sentimental (and involved flowers!); they thought underappreciated moms deserved their own day, not dads; and flowers and other gifts cost money, which often came out of dads' pockets.

In the 1920s and '30s, there was a push to combine Mother's Day and Father's Day into one holiday, Parents' Day. But businesses and marketing gurus fought to keep the days separate — twice the business, give or take. When World War II intervened in the 1940s, the nation was convinced that Father's Day was a way to show support for the troops. The holiday was slowly gaining traction.

Still, it took until 1972 for Father's Day to become a national holiday — 58 years after Mother's Day. Given what women deal with during pregnancy and childbirth, the trade-off seems more than fair. ■

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WHEN HOME HEALTH AIDES break the trust

Many older Americans rely on home health aides for assistance in tasks of everyday living such as bathing and personal hygiene; meal preparation/eating; taking medications; dressing/undressing; transporting; and safely using the bathroom. Some aides also run errands and tackle household chores. This enables clients to remain in their own homes and maintain a degree of independence. Home health aides are not trained to administer medical care.

While most home health aides are caring and competent, a few cause great harm to their clients. The National Council on Aging estimates that 10 percent of people over age 65 (approximately 5.5 million) have experienced, or will experience, some form of abuse/neglect. While nearly 60 percent of incidents are at the hands of other family members, home health aides contribute, too.

Types of abuse/neglect include the following:

- **Physical:** hitting, kicking, improper use of restraints, failure to properly administer medications, withholding food or water.
- **Emotional:** berating, bullying, manipulation, and isolation.
- **Sexual:** any sexual activity with a client who does not consent, is unable to understand, or who is threatened or physically forced to comply.
- **Financial:** stealing credit-card information, forging signatures on checks or other documents, and other forms of fraud/theft (aided by access to the client's home, computer, phone, and mail).

Clients might not report abuse due to fear of retaliation, embarrassment, or memory-related illnesses. They may also be denied access to their computer or phone.

Indicators of abuse/neglect include dramatic changes in behavior, lack of communication, withdrawal from previously enjoyed activities, weight loss, unusual financial transactions, and frequent unexplained accidents, falls, and injuries.

If you suspect home health aide negligence/abuse, contact [Corradino & Papa](#). A home health agency may also be liable due to poor hiring and training practices. ■



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electric shock drowning — SPREAD THE WORD



Electric shock drowning can occur when swimmers are exposed to electric currents — typically low-level AC currents — in freshwater. Electricity used to power boats, dock lights, or dock lifts may leak into the water due to faulty equipment, wiring, and improper grounding.

Saltwater conducts electricity better than the human body, so electricity will typically bypass swimmers in saltwater in its quest for grounding. However, the body's electrical conductivity is superior to freshwater's — swimmers become electrical conduits.

In both freshwater and saltwater, metallic objects can become electrified and shock/electrocute upon contact.

Electrified water exhibits no warning signs. In addition, swimmers often don't immediately feel anything amiss upon splashdown. Shortly after, they may experience tingling, numbness, skin discoloration, cramping, or pain. Even low-level AC current can severely disrupt the body's electrical system, potentially causing heart arrhythmias, paralysis, and subsequent drowning.

It's best to never swim around docks with electrical equipment or boats plugged into shore power. A dock/pier should be equipped with a ground fault circuit interrupter, and a boat with an equipment leakage circuit interrupter.

Those caught in electrified water should swim away from the dock, if possible, and exit the water elsewhere. And shout the nature of the problem! Boat/dock witnesses should shut off the electricity (or notify someone who can) and extend the swimmer a nonconductive/insulated pole or toss them a roped life ring. Those assisting should never jump into the water or directly touch the distressed swimmer.

Boat and dock/marina owners have a responsibility to regularly inspect, maintain, and properly use equipment and devices to prevent electricity leakage. Product manufacturers and maintenance companies play critical roles, too.

If you or a loved one suffers injury due to dock- or boat-related negligence, contact [Corradino & Papa](#) to protect your rights. ■

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spotlight of the month



This is King.

He is a beautiful all White, Red Nose Pitbull. King lives with Damaris and she walks him every morning before she leaves for work and in the evening when she gets home from work each day. He was born on May 25, 2016 and is 6 years old. King loves to play with his toys. He does tricks and follows commands to lie down, sit, give paw and he talks to her by barking a certain way. He gives lots of kisses and is very protective. Damaris feels very safe having him home with her. As you can see, King is a great dog. Damaris is so proud of him and she just loves him to pieces. ■

King

when ride injuries OVERSHADOW THE THRILLS

Amusement parks are a prime destination for thrill seekers. Roller coasters, water rides, Ferris wheels, funhouses, drop towers ... they get the adrenaline flowing!

With more than 300 million U.S. park attendees per year, ride injuries are bound to happen. Per 2016 U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission statistics, over 30,000 people visited ERs for conditions ranging from motion sickness to spinal-cord injuries.

Fatalities are rare, but they happen. A recent example (March 2022) is the 14-year-old boy who horrifyingly plummeted to his death at ICON Park in Florida while on a free-fall ride.

Some cases of injury and death occur due to rider misconduct. A ride passenger might stand up or unlatch bars or safety restraints. Another may ignore clear instructions or warnings that those with preexisting medical conditions (e.g., back/neck injury, cardiovascular condition) should not ride.

However, negligence on the part of amusement park owners, maintenance personnel, ride operators, or manufacturers/designers may be the cause of an injury or fatality. Ride accidents frequently involve the following:

- **Mechanical issues** — cables snapping, brake failure, restraint malfunction, ride getting stuck
- **Structural integrity** — corrosion, loose bolts
- **Operator error** — stopping rides too abruptly, failing to deploy safety nets, improperly restraining riders, insufficient training
- **Collisions** — with other riders, cars, or walls
- **Ride ejections** — falling out of cars, slides, swings, or inflatable devices
- **Lack of clear warning signage or instructions**
- **Design flaws and manufacturing defects**

Fixed-site amusement parks are regulated by state and local governments; regulations may vary from state to state. There is no federal oversight.

If you are injured on an amusement park ride due to negligence, contact [Corradino & Papa](#) to achieve the compensation you deserve. ■



June 2022 – Mark Your Calendars

June 3 — National Doughnut Day June 6 — D-Day June 14 — Flag Day June 19 — Father's Day June 19 — Juneteenth
June 21 — Summer solstice June 27 — Sunglasses 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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Mediterranean inspiration

FOR FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Here is a Mediterranean-inspired Father's Day brunch item that will hit the spot — and beats a new tie!

Ingredients

- 4 slices sourdough and chosen spread
- 1/2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 8–10 oz. baby plum tomatoes — sliced into halves
- 4 large eggs
- 2 tsp. milk
- Red chili, sliced
- 2 oz. feta cheese (more if you like)
- 2 oz. chorizo slices
- Handful flat-leaf parsley — roughly chopped
- Black pepper

Directions

1. Toast your sourdough and cover with your chosen spread.
2. Quickly fry the baby plum tomatoes in extra-virgin olive oil, scramble your eggs spiked with the fresh chili slices, and quickly crisp up the chorizo.
3. Load up the sourdough with the chili scrambled eggs, crumble the feta over top, and top with crispy chorizo. Serve with a side of fried baby plum tomatoes.
4. Sprinkle the whole lot with freshly chopped parsley and cracked black pepper.
5. Serve your brunch to a pleased father.

Note: As an alternative, you can go veggie and skip the chorizo, swap the chorizo for crispy bacon, or skip the chili if you don't like heat.

Recipe courtesy of www.morocco-gold.com. ■

