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## FREQUENT MOTORCYCLE-RIDING

## oversights

Motorcycle riding can be exhilarating, but riders are more vulnerable. Accident risks can be lowered by avoiding under-the-radar mistakes many riders make.



For instance, new riders frequently choose a motorcycle that's not comfortable for them. Eyes might get wide for size and power, but riders may be in over their heads. Riders should get acclimated to driving a motorcycle more suited for their comfort and needs before taking on a loftier purchase.

Inexperienced riders may set out on lengthy trips and underestimate the endurance required for such outings. Fatigue obviously raises the risk of accidents. Gradually work your way up to longer excursions.

Motorcycles fit into tighter spaces and are more maneuverable than cars, but that's no excuse to drive recklessly by swerving in and out of traffic, or passing on the shoulder or around bends in the road. Lane-splitting (or "white lining") — driving between lanes during stretches of heavy, slower/stopped traffic — is legal in only a handful of states. Drivers need to be familiar with state laws.

Regularly scheduled maintenance should be a priority. In addition, check the oil, tires, and tire pressure before each trip, clean the windshield (if you have one), and keep your cycle plugged in to a battery tender at home.

Know your terrain and potential weather conditions before leaving home. Tricky terrain includes slippery surfaces, unlevel surfaces, and steep hills. Mother Nature might throw blustery winds or precipitation into the mix. Maneuvering tactics such as riding in a straight line, shifting body position, applying various braking techniques, and increasing following distance can lower your accident risk as well.

If you are involved in a motorcycle accident due to someone else's negligence, contact <a href="Corradino & Papa">Corradino & Papa</a> to protect your rights. ■

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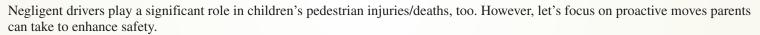
### GETTING STUDENT PEDESTRIANS TO

# school safely

A new school year has arrived, and getting kids to and from school safely is priority number one. Although fewer than 15% of U.S. students walk to school, that's still approximately 7.5 million kid pedestrians nationwide (Research.com).

According to the National Safety Council, 128 pedestrians ages 5–15 were killed in 2020 as a result of crashes; roughly 15,000 were injured. Younger children are at risk for pedestrian accidents due to their small size, unfamiliarity with traffic laws, and lack of discernment in judging

distance and speed. Older kids might be distracted (e.g., phones, music) or think safe practices don't apply to them.



Choose the safest route for your child. Sidewalks, fewer crossings, areas with lower speed limits, marked crosswalks, good visibility, and intersections with crossing guards are a fine start. Then walk that route with your (younger) child prior to the school year — possibly several times — pointing out potential hazards along the way.

**Demonstrate proper crossing techniques** at intersections and driveways. **Teach good habits early** — "look left, right, left," being mindful of potential drivers in parked cars, etc.

Have your child wear brightly colored or retro-reflective clothing to achieve peak visibility. Emphasize that phones, earbuds, and other devices have no place on the trek to school.

Walking to school has key benefits. Studies have shown it improves social skills, teaches time management (you dawdle, you pay), and is excellent exercise.

If your young student is injured as a result of negligence, contact Corradino & Papa. We'll fight for the compensation you deserve.

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# road construction zone danger cuts both ways

Each year, hundreds of road construction workers across the country are killed in work zones due to traffic incidents. One of the top causes is drivers who pass on the outside of the construction zone and collide with workers, equipment, or other vehicles. Drivers passing through work zones need to pay attention, follow instructions, and observe the speed limits.

However, construction zones can be dangerous for passersby as well. According to a study conducted by the Federal Highway Administration in 2010, construction zones were the sites of roughly 87,000 vehicular accidents per year, nationally, leading to over 37,000 injuries, not to mention damage to property.

Work zones containing incorrect, improper, or confusing signage; insufficient warnings on lane closures, merges, or shifts; sudden speed changes; missing cones or barrels at key points; dangerously uneven pavement or unblocked, unmarked holes in the road; poor lighting; and construction vehicles entering and exiting the roadway in a reckless manner are a few of the hazards that may lead to accidents.

Road repair/construction is an inevitability. Roadways in a state of disrepair will be a source of danger to motorists and need to be fixed. But it needs to be done with the highest standards of safety and care in mind. All of the situations mentioned previously are completely avoidable.

If you are the victim of negligence at a road construction zone, you may file a claim against a worker, the construction company, the city, or other entity involved in the situation. Contact <u>Corradino & Papa</u> to safeguard your rights. ■

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# spotlight of the month



This is Fancy

She is a member of Cindy's family. She is very playful and she likes to go for walks.

Fancy was adopted and is 3 months old.

She is very loved and it is so great to know another animal has been rescued. ■

Fancy

# bounce house dangers

### AREN'T INFLATED

Every year, at backyard birthday parties, summer camps, community events, and amusement parks, thousands of youngsters are injured in bounce houses. Bounce houses can be a blast, but without proper precautions, disaster may be poised to pounce.

According to the most recent Consumer Product Safety Commission statistics, bounce house related incidents send 31 U.S. kids per day scurrying to ERs. Many injuries involve sprains and fractures, but roughly one in five will be centered on the head and neck, some of which lead to severe consequences.



Primary causes of bounce house injuries include the following:

- Lack of adult supervision.
- Too many kids bouncing at the same time, leading to collisions and falls on top of other kids.
- Large disparity in ages and weights of children bouncing.
- Participants attempting stunts (in July 2017, a Florida teen was paralyzed after landing on his head while trying to execute a back flip).
- Equipment failure and faulty installation.
- Wind (in December 2021 in Australia, wind lifted an occupied bounce house over 30 feet into the air six kids died; three others sustained critical injuries).

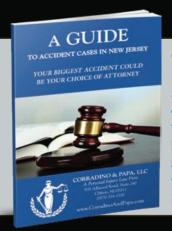
Injuries aren't always a result of negligence — for instance, ignoring clear warnings and/or engaging in risky behavior. However, others are. Potential liable parties may include equipment owners, bounce house operators or supervisors, installers, manufacturers, renters, or property owners.

To exacerbate the situation, many states lack regulations for bounce houses, or don't enforce them. Amusement parks frequently focus on annual inspections but overlook proper setup and supervision.

If your child suffers a bounce house injury due to someone's negligence, lean on our skill and experience to achieve rightful compensation. Contact Corradino & Papa, All You Need To Do Is Get Better, And We Take Care Of The Rest. ■

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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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### CHILL-OUT

# honeydew cucumber slushy

6 servings

The dog days of August call for a delightfully tasty, refreshing, and healthy remedy. This slushy, high in B vitamins, will both cool and calm you. Enjoy!

#### **Ingredients**

- 4 cups honeydew (from about 1 small melon), rind removed, flesh cut into 1" pieces, frozen
- 2½ cups coconut water
- 1/3 cup mint leaves
- 2 tbsp. fresh lime juice
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 6 oz. English hothouse cucumber (about half a cucumber), peeled, cut into 1" pieces, plus more sliced for garnish

#### **Directions**

- 1. Blend honeydew, coconut water, mint, lime juice, salt, 6 oz. cucumber, and 2 cups ice in a blender until smooth. Divide among glasses, then garnish with cucumber slices.
- 2. Do ahead: Slushy can be made 1 hour ahead. Store in blender jar in freezer, then reblend on high speed to reincorporate.











