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## NOTEWORTHY STATS ON

# bicycling accidents

Bicycling has many benefits, among them exercise, a way to enjoy the outdoors, and an environmentally friendly commute to work. But there are undeniable risks as well.



According to 2020 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and CDC figures, bicyclists suffered 932 fatalities and over 130,000 injuries resulting from motor vehicle-related incidents. Although male bicycling commuters outnumber females by a 3:1 ratio, and recreational riders by roughly 3:2, men chalk up six times more fatalities than women and five times as many injuries — significant disparities. Researchers believe it's chiefly attributable to men being more inclined to take risks (e.g., riding after dark).

Approximately 26% of bicyclist fatalities involve alcohol (on the rider's part). The lesson here is to never drink and drive any vehicle.

The average age of bicyclists killed in bike crashes is 47. Young riders tend to stick closer to home; middle-aged adults are more likely to commute to work or take extended rides that involve rural settings or bike trails crossing heavily trafficked roads. The 10–24 age group accounts for the most injuries, though, nearly one-third.

All things being equal (numbers-wise), bicyclists are 1.5 times more likely to collide with a hybrid or electric vehicle than a standard combustion-engine vehicle. Hybrids and EVs are “cloaked” by quiet engines and lack of exhaust, sometimes catching bicyclists unawares.

Only 21% of male bike riders wear helmets; women, 28%. Helmets have been found to reduce the risk of a traumatic brain injury by over 50% and death by 44%. Wear a CPSC-certified helmet!

If you or a family member sustains a bicycling injury due to another's negligence, contact **Corradino & Papa** to protect your rights. ■

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# COMMON CAUSES OF motorcycle accidents

Motorcyclists are at a safety disadvantage when traveling the roadways, due to their lack of visibility and very limited protection when accidents occur. Recognizing the situations in which riders are more vulnerable can go a long way toward avoiding them.

Left-hand turns made by other vehicles are the most dangerous situations for motorcyclists. The turning vehicle may strike the motorcyclist who is going straight through an intersection, or it may occur as the cyclist overtakes and tries to pass a car that suddenly veers out of its lane and into the motorcyclist. Inattentiveness by the other driver and/or blind spots may be factors.

Far more motorcyclists are struck head-on than they are from behind. Riders need to be aware of situations in which traffic in an oncoming lane may be about to spill partway over into their lane due to an obstacle of some sort.

When traffic is backed up, some impatient motorcyclists may attempt “lane splitting,” which means driving between two lanes of traffic in order to continue moving. This practice reduces space for maneuvering and puts vehicles dangerously close to each other.

Simple physics says that potholes, slick pavement, dead animals, loose stones, and other irregularities pose more of a threat to motorcyclists than other drivers. Two points of contact with the ground is not as stable as four.

Speeding and alcohol use by motorcyclists obviously heighten the risk of accidents and jeopardize everyone sharing the roadways.

If you have been involved in a motorcycle accident that was the fault of another, contact **Corradino & Papa** to protect your rights. ■

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## PLAYGROUNDS ARE FUN ... usually

With the arrival of warmer weather, playground activity surges at schools, daycares, and public parks. Playgrounds are a great way for kids to have fun, exercise, and socialize, but don't overlook the potential hazards.

According to the National Safety Council, playground mishaps send over 200,000 kids ages 14 and under to hospital emergency rooms each year. Traumatic brain injuries account for 10% of that total, not to mention fractures, lacerations, dislocations, and internal injuries.

Injuries frequently occur while climbing, swinging, or sliding, with falls being responsible for 80% of cases. Falls while climbing can mean drops of several feet or more, with the child's head possibly striking other hard points on the way down (e.g., jungle gym).

Many factors can contribute to playground injuries — poor maintenance is a major one. Usage, the elements, and age take a toll on equipment. Screws and bolts eventually loosen; wood components rot; metal components rust and weaken; and ropes fray. Sharp edges, protruding nails and screws, unexpectedly slippery surfaces, and a lack of soft landing areas can do damage, too. (At some playgrounds, the equipment may be decades old.) Regular maintenance checks by owners/administrators/municipalities are critical.

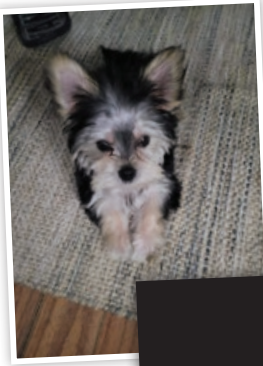
In school or daycare settings, lack of adequate supervision is sometimes an issue, too. Young kids often don't realize their limitations or the risks involved with their actions. Adult supervision is an integral part of playground safety.

In addition, defective playground equipment and faulty playground construction may play roles in playground injuries.

Sometimes kids do kid things and get hurt; that's life. But when negligence is involved, call **Corradino & Papa** for the knowledge and experience you need to protect their rights. ■

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# spotlight of the month



Cyrus

Meet Cyrus . He is a part of Maria P. family and he is so Adorable! Cyrus is a teacup Yorkie who is turning 4 months in April. They got him about a month ago to fill the void from their other dog who passed away in October 2022. Cyrus loves playing, running and chewing on everything. He brings love and happiness to the family.■



## big rig mechanical issues

### ARE OFTEN PREVENTABLE

Tractor-trailers are among the largest vehicles on the roadways. When they collide with passenger vehicles, it's bad news all around, but occupants of passenger vehicles frequently bear the brunt of the harm.

According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and American Trucking Associations studies, car drivers are at fault for 80%–90% of car-truck accidents. But when the blame falls on a truck driver/company, speeding (and unrealistic delivery schedules), distracted driving, fatigued driving, impaired driving, and unqualified hires are frequent culprits. Another major factor is mechanical failure.

Trucking companies have a duty to inspect and maintain their fleets regularly and fix problems promptly. Unfortunately, that doesn't always happen. The following are some common, preventable mechanical issues that endanger truck drivers and everyone in their vicinity:

- **Brake system failures.** The outcomes are rear-end collisions, jackknifing, rollovers, or collisions with guardrails, overpass supports, or even houses.
- **Tire issues.** Underinflated, overinflated, damaged, or mismatched tires can lead to blowouts, shifting loads, loss of control, and crashes. Sometimes retread tires are mounted when new ones are called for. Losing a tire can be disastrous.
- **Steering systems.** Complex with a lot of moving parts. If the steering goes south, the implications are apparent.
- **Lighting malfunctions.** Working headlights are obviously critical for visibility. Turn signals indicate the driver's intentions, including a truck driver making a wide turn. Brake lights are vital for traffic coming from behind; same thing for trailer lights, which also reveal the back of the truck at night to traffic approaching from an intersecting road.

If you are injured due to a collision with a big rig and negligence may be involved, contact [Corradino & Papa](#) to hold the appropriate party responsible. ■



## April 2023 – Mark Your Calendars

April 13 — Scrabble Day

April 9 — Easter

April 7 — Good Friday

April 5 — Passover begins (sundown)

April 1 — April Fools' Day

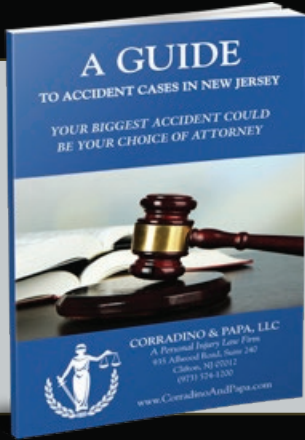
April 22 — Earth Day

April 18 — Tax 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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# berry tiramisu



### Ingredients

- 1 1/4 cup (10floz/282ml) heavy whipping cream
- 1 cup (8oz/225g) mascarpone cheese, room temperature (see substitute idea below)
- 1/3 cup (2 1/2 oz/71g) sugar For the syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons creme de cassis (optional but yummy!)
- 3/4 cup (6floz/170ml) water
- 3/4 cup (6oz/170g) sugar For the cheese mix.
- 1 cup (5oz/142g) raspberries
- 1 cup (5oz/142g) blueberries
- 2 cups (10oz/284g) strawberries, quartered
- 1 pack Lady Fingers (Boudoir biscuits/ Savoiardi. Look for eggless if needed)
- Powdered sugar for dusting
- Toasted slivered almonds and additional berries for garnish

### Directions

1. First, make a simple syrup by combining the water and sugar in a medium saucepan. Once the sugar had dissolved turn off the heat and add in all of the berries. Stir the berries with the syrup to form a berry infused simple syrup.
2. Strain the berries from the syrup and set aside. Now it's a good time to add in the cassis to the berry syrup.
3. In a large bowl using a hand mixer or large whisk, beat the whipping cream, sugar, and vanilla until soft peaks form.
4. Add in the mascarpone cheese and continue to whip to stiff peaks.
5. Dip ladyfingers in the berry simple syrup liquid and place in an 8x8 pan to make the first layer – you can fit about 7 cookies in each layer. Don't let them soak as they will fall apart, just a quick dunk in the syrup is enough.
6. Spread half of the whipped cream mixture on top of the first layer of ladyfingers then top with a layer of the soaked berries. Repeat process with the second layer of ladyfingers, cream mixture, and berries.
7. Dust the top of tiramisu with powdered sugar and sprinkle over some toasted slivered almonds.
8. Refrigerate for about 2-4 hours (it gets even better in the fridge and is a perfect make-ahead dessert).
9. Cover and store in the fridge for up to 1 day. ■

