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not all trespassers are the same

Property owners typically do not owe a duty of care to trespassers on their property, other than refraining from intentionally injuring them. However, if something on someone's property attracts the attention of a child **who is too young or inexperienced to understand the potential risks or consequences** of "checking it out,"



the property owner might be liable for injuries that befall the child, even though the child is technically a trespasser — a.k.a. the "attractive nuisance" doctrine.

Pools and their enticing features are a prime example of an attractive nuisance. In-ground and above-ground pools should be enclosed by tough-to-climb fencing that's at least four feet high and accompanied by a locking gate with alarm. (Laws/regulations vary. Check with your state or local government for the particulars.) Pool covers can help, too.

Other water-related attractive nuisances include hot tubs and fountains. Toys, swing sets, rope swings, trampolines, treehouses, etc. are often intriguing to youngsters. Ladders; piles of rocks, sand, or dirt; and scooters, ATVs, and riding mowers might prove tantalizing as well. Again, fencing around the backyard and a locking gate with alarm can discourage uninvited guests.

Merely posting a "No Trespassing" sign generally does not diminish a property owner's liability risk — many young children couldn't read or understand it anyway. On the plus side, natural conditions such as trees, ponds, and streams are usually exempt from attractive nuisance claims. Attractive nuisances are typically man-made "objects" with maintained features.

Help protect yourself from liability with these four simple precautions: 1) lock it up; 2) fence it off; 3) store it away; and 4) caution the neighbors.

If your child is injured due to an attractive nuisance, contact <u>Corradino & Papa</u> to protect their rights.

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drive safely, grads!

Spring means high school and college graduation for many in our area. For some, celebrating includes drinking alcohol. (Of course, the legal drinking age is 21, and violations can mean steep penalties.) But if you or a loved one chooses to drink, our law firm wants to make sure you stay safe by following a few tips:

1. If you're drinking, designate a 100-percent sober driver.

The only completely safe approach is for a designated driver not to drink at all. Even one drink can impair a driver.

It's illegal to drive with blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.08 percent. For a 120-pound woman, just one small glass of wine can mean a BAC of 0.04, which can significantly affect driving. For a man of 180 pounds, just two beers can result in 0.04 BAC with similar results. Any amount of alcohol can be risky if not accompanied with food.

2. If you're drinking, consider a local driver or taxi service.

Using a local driver or taxi can be an enjoyable and reasonably priced way to ensure that everyone in your party has a safe and carefree night out.

- 3. If someone you know is drinking, do not let that person get behind the wheel. Offer to drive them or call a taxi or driver for them.
- 4. If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact law enforcement immediately. Your actions could save a life. Do not try to pass a drunk driver. Try to stay as far back form the driver as possible and call 911. Remember, buzzed driving is drunk driving.

Have a safe and happy graduation!

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play it safe

WITH A POST-ACCIDENT MEDICAL CHECKUP

It's not just major, violent auto collisions that lead to injuries to drivers and passengers. Seemingly minor fender-benders can cause significant injury, too.

Injuries sustained from an auto crash might not be noticed initially—sometimes for hours, days, even weeks—for a variety of reasons. A car crash induces a rush of adrenaline and endorphins,

chemicals that raise a person's energy level and frequently block pain. Once the "high" dissipates, pain may kick in.

Soft-tissue injuries cause harm to tendons, muscles, and ligaments and are precipitated by sudden, jarring stops, and when bodies get tossed around inside the car. Whiplash injuries are common. Soft-tissue injury symptoms—pain, swelling, and reduced mobility—might not present themselves immediately, and injuries are not visible on X-rays.

Concussions occur when the brain strikes the inside of the skull with great force. Some concussion symptoms are obvious from the outset. Others may be subtle and/or delayed.

An appointment with a medical doctor is highly recommended following a collision. He/she will assess your overall physical wellbeing, help you monitor symptoms of potential injuries, and document your condition, which is vital to possibly filing a future medical claim. Procrastination diminishes your chances of success.

Insurance adjusters also know that injury symptoms are sometimes delayed. They may pressure you to agree to an early settlement, before symptoms have manifested themselves. If you sign a release and symptoms occur afterward, you can no longer ask the insurance company to pay for your treatment.

If you have been injured in an auto accident, contact Corradino & Papa to protect your rights.

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spotlight of the month



Autumn belongs to Gina's family. She is a rescue cat from the West Milford Animal Shelter. One Saturday in July 2017, Gina's daughter Brielle went to the shelter and came home with this cute little kitten. First cat in the family. Autumn is a fun and lovable, friendly cat. She will jump on the table and sit on your laptop when you are working. She will throw herself in front of you on her back so you will stop and pet her. She cuddles up on the bed and always rubs up against your leg and purrs. When she is hungry she will sit in front of you and meow non stop until she is fed. Her nickname is Kitty and she has definitely become a beautiful addition to the family.

THE THIRD CERTAINTY IN LIFE: road construction

This time of year, roads and highways are buzzing with construction activity. But when workers and motorists don't look out for each other, accidents are an all-too-common outcome.

According to the CDC, from 2015–2020 an average of 794 fatalities per year occurred in work zones nationwide. In 2020 alone, over 45,000 injuries were attributed to work zone crashes.



Potential work zone hazards are plentiful:

Speeding. Motorists should follow the posted construction zone speed limits — at all times. Even if no workers are on the scene, you can still be fined. Speed limits aren't just for worker safety, but overall construction zone safety.

Distracted driving. This is a menace in any scenario. No gawking at heavy machinery in action!

Changed traffic patterns. Roads may have shifting lanes, narrowed lanes, reduced lanes, and confusing detours, with inadequate and/or bewildering signage and barrier placement.

Uneven surfaces. Minor drops and bumps are usually manageable; major ones can be destabilizing. Also, some surfaces offer less traction, and dug-up areas might lead to water accumulation.

Reduced visibility. Large construction vehicles could obstruct vision, as could improperly angled floodlights. Dust and debris might kick up from construction work as well.

Construction site debris/objects/equipment on the road. These can damage vehicles and lead to swerving or sudden braking that results in a collision.

Foul weather. In some construction zones, there's no room to pull over. A torrential downpour or thick fog could spell big trouble.

If negligence on the part of a motorist, construction company, safety inspection company, or government entity causes you harm, call on our experience and expertise, at Corradino & Papa, to achieve fair compensation for your injuries.

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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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cauliflower rice bowls WITH GRILLED CHICKEN

Servings: 4; prep time: 30 min.; total time: 30 min.

These healthy Greek-inspired cauliflower rice bowls topped with feta, olives, veggies, and grilled chicken are impressive yet take just 30 minutes to make.

Ingredients

- 6 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 4 cups cauliflower rice (finely chopped raw cauliflower either by hand or pulsed in a food processor — that's small enough to look like grains of rice)
- 1/3 cup chopped red onion
- 3/4 teaspoon salt, divided
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh dill, divided
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- Directions
 - 1. Preheat grill to medium.

- 1/2 teaspoon ground pepper, divided
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 cup halved cherry tomatoes
- 1 cup chopped cucumber
- 2 tablespoons chopped Kalamata olives
- 2 tablespoons crumbled feta cheese
- 4 lemon wedges for serving (optional)
- 2. Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add cauliflower, onion, and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the cauliflower is softened, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in 1/4 cup dill.
- 3. Meanwhile, rub 1 teaspoon oil all over chicken. Sprinkle with 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Grill, turning once, until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the breast reads 165°F, about 15 minutes total. Slice crosswise.
- 4. Meanwhile, whisk the remaining 4 tablespoons oil, lemon juice, oregano, and the remaining 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper in a small bowl.
- 5. Divide the cauliflower rice between 4 bowls. Top with the chicken, tomatoes, cucumber, olives, and feta. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup dill. Drizzle with the vinaigrette. Serve with lemon wedges, if desired.

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