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schools:

COMMUNITIES UNTO THEMSELVES

According to the CDC, over 9 million kids each year are whisked to ERs for nonfatal injuries. And for kids ages 14 and under, 10%–25% percent of those injuries occur while at school.



Sometimes injuries are attributable to pure accidents — incidents that can't be foreseen and are unavoidable. Other injuries (physical and emotional) are a result of negligence or intentional tort. Intentional tort encompasses acts such as bullying, assault, harassment, and abuse at the hands of fellow students or school employees. "School employees" includes administrators, teachers, aides, coaches, medical staff, custodians, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, etc.

School officials act in *loco parentis* ("in place of the parents") when children are in school and have a legal responsibility to do whatever is reasonable to keep them safe.

Kids' well-being can be jeopardized at school in many ways. Playground injuries, school bus accidents, sports injuries, slip-and-fall incidents, exposure to toxic substances, food poisoning, and intentional acts are among them.

Schools may be held liable for faulty hiring practices, inadequate training, lack of supervision, inaction that allows a situation to escalate and cause harm (e.g., unattended bullying which leads to suicide), or a failure to maintain equipment, address hazards in a timely fashion, or implement necessary policies.

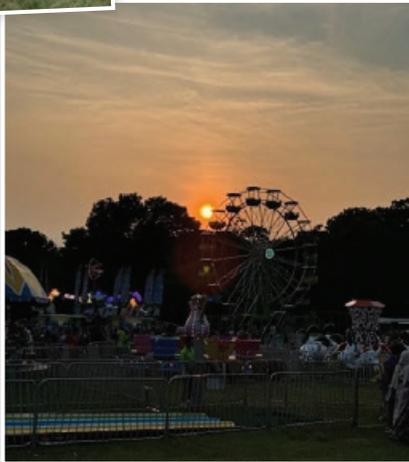
Public schools are considered government entities. Personal injury claims filed against them have more hurdles to clear than the average claim, which vary by state. Private schools aren't government entities, but if they're operated by nonprofit organizations or churches, unique restrictions might come into play.

Filing a personal injury claim against a school is a complex undertaking. Contact **Corradino & Papa** for the skill, experience, and thoughtful guidance you need to achieve a fair outcome. ■

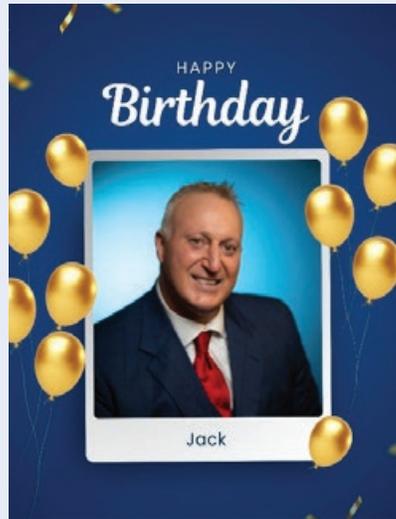
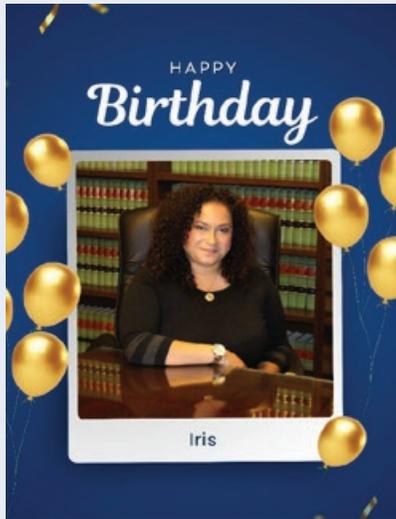
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storm drain dangers



Storm drains are designed to help prevent flooding by diverting water from rainstorms, flash floods, or melting snow away from streets, channeling it back to a natural body of water.

Storm drains come in various forms. There are inlets, which are open slits at curb edges at low points of a street, often with grated openings accompanying them. A culvert is a wide pipe spanning various lengths that primarily conveys water beneath a road or railway.

When kids play in or walk through rushing water near a drain that is missing a grate or where the slit has enough depth to accommodate a fallen child, danger looms. Kids or adults navigating waters near a culvert may get swept up by deceptively powerful currents and sent through the culvert. Sometimes muddy or cloudy waters hide a drain pipe, catching people unawares.

ProPublica found that from 2015–2021 in the U.S., at least 35 drownings were attributable to storm drains. Many more people were injured but survived. In numerous cases, state or local governments were aware of hazardous conditions but failed to address them.

Some argue that flagging hazardous openings and installing grates are simple solutions to lower the risk of tragedy. Some government officials counter by stating that grates are expensive, may trap debris and exacerbate flooding, and people who get swept into them may become pinned and drown. Other municipal leaders and engineers believe angled grates provide escape routes, and regular maintenance can prevent grated drains from becoming clogged.

Bottom line: Steer clear of all storm drains during or following rains or snow melt-offs, and avoid walking through any flooded areas.

If you are injured due to another driver's negligence, contact [Corradino & Papa](#) to safeguard your rights. ■



September 2024 – Mark Your Calendars

Sept. 2 — Labor Day Sept. 8 — Grandparents Day Sept. 11 — Patriot Day Sept. 16 — American Legion Day Sept. 22 — First day of autumn

Sept. 24 — Rosh Hashanah (sundown) Sept. 28 — Ask a Stupid Question 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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EGGPLANT AND TURKEY BAKED **meatballs**

These Mediterranean diet-inspired eggplant and turkey baked meatballs feature roasted eggplant, ground turkey, fresh herbs, and parmesan.

Ingredients

- 1 large eggplant
- 1 clove garlic, peeled and roughly chopped
- 1/4 cup Italian flatleaf parsley, chopped
- 2 tbsp. dried oregano
- 1 pound ground turkey
- 1/3 cup panko-style breadcrumbs (or regular breadcrumbs)
- 1 egg, large
- 1/3 cup parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 tbsp. olive oil (optional, see note below [#7])*
- 4-5 fresh basil leaves, chopped (for garnish, optional)

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400°F and line a baking sheet with aluminum foil.
2. Using a fork, pierce the eggplant multiple times, and then place on the lined baking sheet. Roast in the oven for 45 minutes, until the eggplant is fork tender.
3. Remove from oven and reduce oven temperature to 375°F.
4. Once cooled slightly, use a spoon to scoop the inside of the roasted eggplant into a food processor.
5. Add the garlic, parsley, and dried oregano to the food processor, and purée until smooth.
6. In a large bowl, combine the eggplant purée, ground turkey, panko breadcrumbs, egg, and parmesan cheese. Mix until well combined (whether by hand, spatula, or spoon).
7. Form the mixture into 8 large, even-sized meatballs. ***Optional** – If you desire a more browned crust to your meatballs, heat 1 tbsp. of olive oil in a large pan over medium heat, and lightly brown the top and bottom of each meatball (about 2 min. each side) before getting ready to bake in the oven.
8. Place meatballs into a large baking dish or parchment-lined baking sheet.
9. Bake in the oven for 20–25 minutes.
10. Garnish with fresh basil (if desired) before serving. ■

