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THE MAIN CAUSE OF MOST TRUCKING ACCIDENTS



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While trucking accidents can occur for a variety of reasons, including bad weather, road conditions or vehicle performance, truck driver error is the leading cause



of accidents involving big trucks, according to a recent study by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

One of the most common ways that truck drivers contribute to accidents occurs when they become very fatigued. "Highway hypnosis" can come out of nowhere on long drives – as the repetitive patterns of the road begin to lull the driver to sleep.

But, as common as driver fatigue is, another type of driver error accounts for the majority of truck accidents – drug use. Both illegal and prescription drug use, along with alcohol, can impair a truck driver's ability to safely maneuver the roads. Truck drivers can't take any controlled substances unless they have been prescribed by a doctor who is familiar with the driver's medical history and job assignments.

Poor driving decisions by truck drivers can also lead to accidents, including:

- Driving too fast for road conditions
- Improperly distributing the truck's load
- Failing to watch blind spots carefully
- Distractions
- Depowering the front brakes to reduce wear-and-tear on the truck
- Improperly securing any attachments to the truck

Each of these errors can lead to a truck rolling over, which greatly increases the likelihood of severe injuries or fatalities. Even the slightest reduction in reaction time on behalf of a truck driver can lead to devastating accidents.

If you or a family member has been injured in an accident caused by truck driver error, you may want to consult with an experienced truck accident attorney to discuss your situation. Trucking accidents tend to be much more complicated than auto accidents because there can be multiple trucking companies and insurance companies involved, plus it is extremely important to track down evidence regarding the accident scene, the truck and the truck driver. ■

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LAURA CARPEY'S

recipe of the month

SPAGHETTI CARBONARA

- 1 pound dried spaghetti
- 8 ounces pancetta or 8 slices thick-cut bacon, diced
- 2 large eggs
- 2 large egg yolks
- 1¼ cups (5 oz.) freshly grated Pecorino Romano
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil Add the pasta and cook until al dente.

While the pasta is cooking, heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the pancetta and cook until crisp, about 6 minutes. Remove all but 1 tablespoon of the fat.

Reserve ½ cup of the pasta water and then drain the pasta. Add the pasta to the skillet of pancetta and toss to combine.

In a large bowl, whisk the eggs with the egg yolks. Turn off the heat under the skillet, add the eggs and 1 cup of the cheese, and toss thoroughly to combine. Add the reserved pasta water as needed to thin the sauce to the desired consistency. Generously season with pepper and add salt to taste.

Serve immediately with the remaining ¼ cup cheese sprinkled on top. ■

TO THANK YOU FOR EVERY REFERRAL... We thank others!

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Thank you to the following people who referred cases to us last month: **Frank Canty, Esquire** and **Donald Yablon, Esquire**.



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the public's aid for the needs of severely injured service members, to help them aid and assist each other, and to provide programs and services to meet their needs.

Since its inception, Wounded Warrior Project has been successfully easing the troubles of veterans all over the country, and the law firm of Kreithen, Baron and Carpey greatly supports these efforts.

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winter slips and falls

We all know that getting around during winter can be tricky when inclement weather hits. But what happens if you slip and fall on someone else's property due to ice or snow? Was it just an unavoidable accident, or was it possibly due to the negligence of the property owner?

Some examples of negligence can include:

- Failing to clear sidewalks or parking lots when it is that person's responsibility to do so;
- When icy patches are left on a sidewalk or parking lot due to careless snow removal;
- If black ice is not removed when it should have been prevented in the first place;
- If structural defects, like leaks, cause unnecessary accumulation of ice.

For business owners, it only takes a handful of critical steps to avoid this type of negligence. Although it can depend on where you live, property owners are usually required to take reasonable steps immediately following a storm to clear public passageways. This includes sidewalks, parking lots, entrance areas, and exit areas. When removing ice and snow, it has to be done with consistency, so no icy patches are left behind, and the entire area must be cleared. In areas where ice will form from melting snow, substances like sand or salt must be laid down to counteract it.

It's important to note that these types of negligence cases have to be examined individually, based on the specific circumstances surrounding the fall. Pedestrians are always expected to exercise caution in the event of adverse conditions. ■



EXAMPLE: After a heavy snow storm, a college decides not to cancel classes and has its parking lots and sidewalks cleared of snow. The workers who removed the snow left icy patches, however, and a student slips and breaks his wrist on the sidewalk outside the entrance. The school expected the student to use that sidewalk and attend class, yet left the sidewalk in a hazardous condition even with ample time to have it cleared. The school may be held negligent if the student decides to sue.

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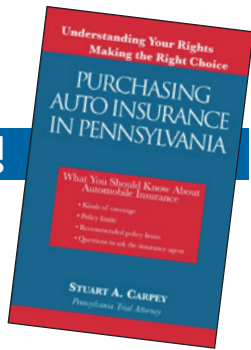
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"Without someone like me to help them through what they're going through, injury victims could otherwise get overwhelmed and overcome by the insurance companies, leaving them with nothing but more problems," says Carpey. "People like me are the only defense the public has against insurance companies, which tend to care more about profits than people."

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