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Staying Afloat: Understanding Swimming Pool Injuries, Safety, & Legal Recourse

Swimming pools offer a refreshing escape, a place for exercise, and a zone for family fun. However, they can also be the site of serious injuries. From slips and falls to near-drowning incidents, understanding the potential risks associated with swimming pools is crucial for ensuring safety and knowing your rights should an accident occur.

One of the most common causes of swimming pool injuries is negligence. This can manifest in various forms, including inadequate supervision, poorly maintained pool equipment, and the absence of proper safety measures. Slippery decks, broken ladders, and malfunctioning pool drains can all lead to accidents. Furthermore, failing to adhere to safety regulations, such as clearly displaying depth markers and having readily available rescue equipment, significantly increases the risk of injury, especially for children. Each year in the U.S., over 1,000 children die and 5,000 others are hospitalized due to pool-related accidents. In fact, swimming pool related accidents are the second leading cause of death for children under the age of 14.

At Carpey Law, we want you and your family to enjoy the summer free of injury and worry. Although we know that you are already doing everything possible to be safe, here is a friendly reminder of certain risks to look out for while enjoying your backyard or neighborhood pool (courtesy of the Consumer Production Safety Commission):

- Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for adult supervision.
- Never leave a child unsupervised near or around a pool. During parties, designate someone as the pool supervisor to act as a full-time lifeguard.
- If a child is missing, check the pool first. Every second counts in preventing death or disability.
- Instruct babysitters about potential pool hazards and about the use of safety devices, such as door alarms and latches.
- Learn and practice CPR so you can use it at a moment's notice.
- Keep rescue and safety equipment by the pool. Be sure a phone is poolside with emergency numbers posted.
- Remove all toys in and around the pool when not being used. Toys can draw young children to the pool.
- Never prop open the gate to a pool.

If, despite your best efforts, an accident does occur, it's crucial to document everything. Take photographs of the scene, including any potential hazards or contributing factors. Gather contact information from witnesses and obtain copies of any accident reports. Seek immediate medical attention for any injuries sustained, and meticulously document all medical treatments and related expenses.

Learning and practicing pool safety is necessary to ensure everyone has a good time but remains safe. We hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer and our warm weather. It's a wonderful time to spend quality time with your family laughing and playing.

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Do You Really 'Knee'd' Surgery For A Meniscus Tear?



showed that approximately \$4 billion is spent annually for an estimated 700,000 surgeries. The results from the Finland study indicate PT may help lower these costs and possibly avoid undue surgery. The meniscus is a crescent shaped pad of cartilage in the knee between

According to a recently published study, that question is open for debate!

You may have a neighbor or relative who felt a 'twinge' in their knee when they pivoted or went into a deep squat. The pain was enough to go to a physician and an MRI revealed a 'Meniscus tear'. What happens next, Physical Therapy (PT) or surgery? According to researchers in Finland, who studied two sets of patients - one group that received surgery and another that was led to believe that it had - no significant differences in improvement between the groups were observed after one year.

In addition, a separate study published in the New England Journal of Medicine reports that arthroscopic surgery for a torn meniscus is the most common orthopedic procedure performed in the U.S. The study

the femur (thigh bone) and tibia (shin bone). The meniscus acts as a cushion and helps disperse body weight, lessening friction that is caused through movement. When torn, a meniscus tear could become lodged between the femur and tibia limiting movement. That is definitely a reason to have surgery. But, many times there is only pain, no locking or catching. These are the patients who tend to do better with PT. So, is surgery necessary for a meniscus tear?

"Surgery did provide a slight advantage in certain areas early on, but the differences disappeared by the end of the 12 months." Physical Therapy addresses weaknesses by strengthening muscles, tightness by stretching joints and creates more efficient movement with functional exercises, which for some, can be enough to eliminate the need for surgery.

Carpey Law Has The Experience & Resources You Need In Your Personal Case

Stuart Carpey has been practicing law for over 38 years. He and his team regularly utilize medical experts and a variety of other resources to maximize client financial recovery in their cases. At Carpey Law, we represent people in all sorts of personal injury cases, including all types of motor vehicle accident cases, bicycle injury cases, motorcycle accident cases, fall down cases, trucking cases, injuries at construction sites, work injury cases, as well as medical malpractice. If you, a loved one, or friend need a personal lawyer call us at 610-834-6030.

RECENT CARPEY LAW SETTLEMENTS

- **\$100,000 settlement** for client rear ended.
- **\$100,000 settlement** for client T-boned by 16 year-old driver who was texting.
- **\$150,000 settlement** for client, a truck driver, walking to his truck at a rest stop, when he was struck by a car, with injury to shoulder.



LAURA CARPEY'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Panzanella

INGREDIENTS

- 5 C 1" white bread cubes
- 1/2 C EVOO
- 1/4 C red wine vinegar
- 1/4 C lemon juice
- 1/4 C minced parsley
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 6 large ripe tomatoes cut into wedges
- 1 large red onion cut into 1/2" dice
- 1/2 C oil-cured olives, pitted & chopped
- 1/2 C fresh basil leaves
- 1/2 C shaved parmesan

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Whisk EVOO, red wine vinegar, lemon juice, minced parsley, and salt together.
2. Dry bread in oven at 350° for 15 mins.
3. Fold bread & veggies into dressing.
4. Toss with parmesan cheese.



“Nobody Else Was Injured... Do I Have A Claim?”



When you went to make a claim with the other guy's insurance company the adjuster made it clear that 'he wasn't buying your story...' about being injured. 'Your friends were in the same Jeep, but you were the only one who got hurt. Very interesting!'

Remember, just because a group of people were involved in the same car accident doesn't mean that they're

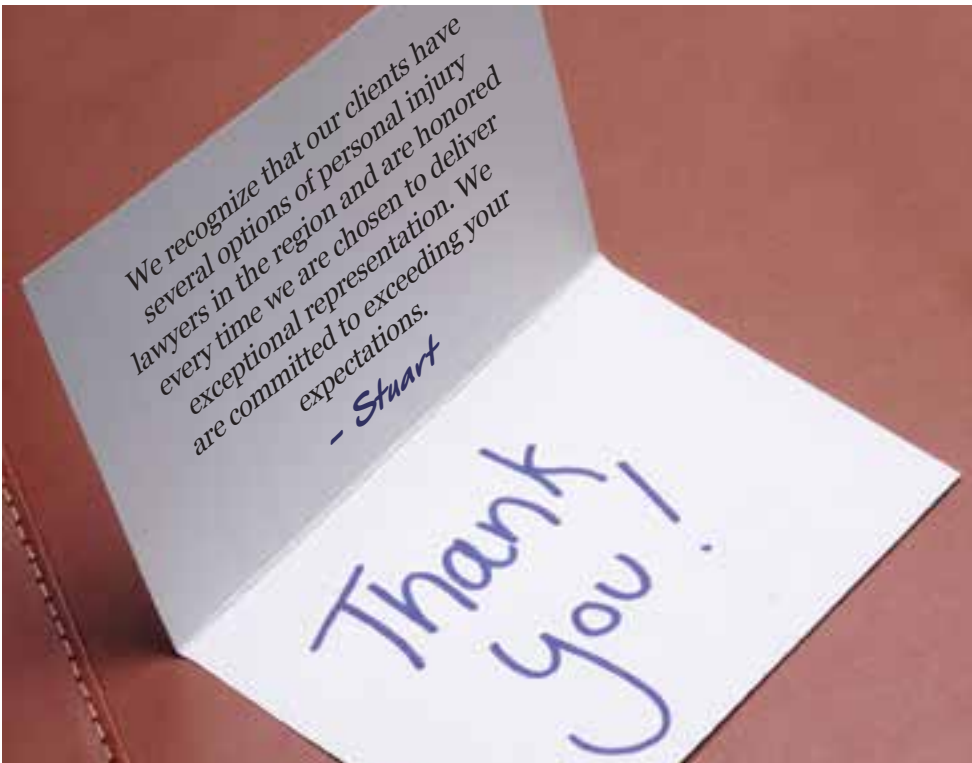
all going to be injured. Or, to take it a step further, to have suffered the same injuries.

People are like snowflakes. They're all different.

Your height. Your weight. The position of your body. Your muscular structure. Your health prior to the accident. These are only a few of the factors that can determine why certain people are injured in a car accident while others aren't.

Let's just say that you were going to an Eagles game with a couple of pals. You were in the front seat of your buddy's Jeep which has stopped at a red light. And the next thing you know it feels like you've been punched from behind. It was a rear-end collision!

Unfortunately, you hurt your neck. But your pals were fine.



What Is “Settlement Value” In A Personal Injury Case?

Settlement value is the amount of money that both sides believe a jury will ultimately compensate the accident victim for his or her injuries. Of course both sides typically have different amounts. Of course not all cases go to a jury trial. In reality, settlement value is the absolute rock-bottom number that you would accept for a settlement in your personal injury case. Keep in mind that along with the settlement value every case involves expenses for each phase of the lawsuit (discovery, trial preparation and trial).



Reminder About Our Firm's Communication Policy

About us: We perform very high quality legal work. We are highly competent and we have a highly competent support staff, but we are not perfect. We can make mistakes. We will correct a mistake if we find it or if you point it out.

It is our policy to return phone calls in the order they are received and based on the priority of the situation. If you leave a message, your call will be returned usually within 24 hours. Some clients feel that calling multiple times in a day will get their call answered faster, but that is not the case. Email is the quickest way to get a response from anyone in the office.

We work by appointment only. Without an appointment, it is unlikely Mr. Carpey would be able to meet with you.

Please utilize our support staff to answer your questions and to give you status reports. Our legal assistants and paralegals are very experienced and will often be able to respond to your requests.



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with Gigi and Maverick*

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and so will I.

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WELCOME!

We would like to welcome our new clients
this past month.

We sincerely appreciate the confidence you
have placed in us.