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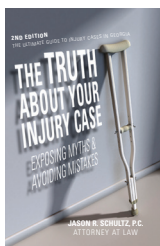
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crowdfunding donations AND PI CLAIMS

Victims of personal injury can be quickly overwhelmed by medical bills, lost wages, and other expenses. After attending to injuries, contacting a personal injury attorney to attain fair injury compensation should top their "to-do" list. In the meantime, bills need to be paid. Many people enlist the help of crowdfunding sites, such as GoFundMe.



But will donations received from a crowdfunding site affect a PI claim? Insurance companies have eyes on crowdfunding campaigns. Some may lower their settlement offers since you're receiving some compensation elsewhere (minus the percentage owed to the crowdfunding site). Some states forbid this practice, but regulations vary from state to state. Postings and photos will be scrutinized by insurance companies as well to challenge your claim.

Funds collected from crowdfunding sites for medical bills are generally considered "personal gifts" and not income — if certain stipulations are met. If those aren't met, the IRS might deem the funds personal income, which can complicate a PI claim. In some scenarios, a bump in income could also affect Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid benefits.

Here's a situation to be mindful of, too, as presented by a PI attorney from Tennessee. Someone is injured by a negligent driver with no auto insurance. The victim incurs \$35,000 in medical bills, but their uninsured motorist policy limits are \$25,000. They start a GoFundMe account to collect the remaining \$10,000. In Tennessee, all that does is deduct \$10,000 from what the insurance company pays (\$15,000 instead of \$25,000), and the victim still owes \$10,000!

Bottom line, if you are injured due to another person's negligence, *always* contact your PI attorney before proceeding with a crowdfunding account. Our firm stands ready to help. ■

mediterranean tacos

WITH SPICY ROASTED CAULIFLOWER



Servings: 4 tacos; prep time: 20 min.; ready in 35 min.

Can't decide whether you want a Mexican or Mediterranean meal? This tasty fusion recipe gives you the best of both worlds.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup no-salt-added tomato sauce
- 3 tablespoons ground sumac
- 2 teaspoons sweet paprika
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 4 cups small cauliflower florets
- 12 oz. tiny new potatoes, halved
- 1/4 cup tahini
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 cup oil-free hummus
- 4 rounds whole wheat pita bread
- 3 cups shredded red and/or green cabbage
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 fresh jalapeño chili, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup sliced scallions
- Lemon wedges

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 450°F. Line a 15x10-inch baking pan with foil. In a large bowl, stir together the first five ingredients (through garlic powder). Add cauliflower and potatoes; toss to coat. Spread cauliflower mixture in prepared pan. Roast 20 to 25 minutes or until cauliflower and potatoes are tender and charred, stirring once.
2. In a bowl, stir together tahini, lemon juice, and enough water to reach drizzling consistency. Spread hummus on pitas. Add cauliflower mixture and cabbage. Top with tahini sauce, cilantro, jalapeño, and scallions. Serve with lemon wedges.

Recipe courtesy of www.forksoverknives.com. ■



RFK tidbits

Robert F. Kennedy (RFK), whose life was tragically cut short by Sirhan Sirhan on June 5, 1968, was the seventh of nine children. He was considered the runt of the Kennedy brood, but scratching and clawing for family respect aided his later endeavors.

RFK and older brother John did not spend much time together as kids; an eight-year age gap and a world war will do that. However, a seven-week trip abroad together to Pacific Asian countries and the Middle East in 1951 strengthened their bond.

Joseph McCarthy, the controversial figure during the “Red Scare” who led a Senate committee investigating Communist influence in the U.S. government, was the godparent of one of RFK’s 11 children. McCarthy was a longtime family friend of the Kennedys and hired RFK shortly after his law school graduation in 1951. RFK and John eventually distanced themselves from McCarthy but did not completely disavow him.

RFK despised Lyndon Johnson, which was triggered primarily by a clash of personalities. Johnson taking Air Force One instead of the vice presidential aircraft back to Washington, D.C., following JFK’s assassination and claiming credit for various JFK policies didn’t help. At the 1964 Democratic convention, Johnson made sure to secure the presidential nomination before RFK offered a tribute to his brother, fearing a change of heart by the delegates that would award the nomination to RFK instead.

In 1965, RFK became the first to scale Mt. Kennedy, a 14,000-foot peak in Canada renamed months earlier in honor of John. RFK had no prior climbing experience and jokingly stated that his training regimen was “running up and down stairs and hollering ‘help!’” He was accompanied by a renowned mountain-climbing team and buried a few of his brother’s items, including a copy of his inaugural address, at the summit. ■

splash pads are hot spots

Splash pads are recreational venues that incorporate jet sprays of water, misters, and interactive features to keep family members, especially young kids, delighted and refreshed over the hot summer.

Splash pads are more budget-friendly than water parks, and there is typically no standing water, greatly reducing the risk of drowning. Unlike water parks, however, many splash pads are unregulated, and the water at some may not be adequately disinfected.



At most splash pads, water is constantly draining to keep it from pooling. Pipes take it to an underground tank, where it is filtered and treated with chlorine or bromine to kill bacteria and viruses, then sprayed again. However, some splash pads do not properly disinfect the water — or don't attempt to at all. Any bacteria, viruses, urine, poop, sweat, and dirt washed off of splash pad participants are rounded up, recirculated, and sprayed upon aquatic enthusiasts who are none the wiser.

In June 2022, 27 people were sickened at a Kansas splash pad after ingesting water contaminated by shigella bacteria and noroviruses. From 2020 to 2023, three young kids from Texas and Arkansas died from a form of meningoencephalitis (brain infection) contracted at splash pads.

Take some splash pad precautions:

- Shower before heading to the splash pad.
- Anyone under the weather should stay home.
- Make sure your kids take plenty of bathroom breaks.
- Check diaper wearers often; swim diapers are far from a cure-all.
- Don't hover over spray jets, which wash off all the "stuff" to be recirculated.
- Do your best not to swallow any water.

If you are harmed by someone's negligence, contact our firm to protect your rights. ■

Jason's photo gallery



I had an eventful spring. I Met the Easter Bunny, moved my Daughter to Australia for work and caught a Braves game with my nephew and his family.

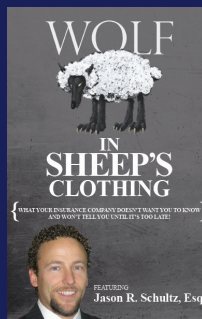
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'can I get a witness!'

The following question arises from time to time: If someone witnesses an auto accident, and isn't directly involved in the accident, do they need to stop and remain at the scene? The short answer is "no" — no state compels drivers to do so, but assistance from eyewitnesses who stick around can be invaluable.

You might be the first (or only) person available who can call 911 for medical and police assistance. Don't assume someone else has already called.



You could be a source of comfort and support for crash victims. If you have training in basic first aid, that can be beneficial, but don't attempt anything beyond your level of expertise, which might cause more harm. Some states have good Samaritan laws to encourage eyewitnesses to help, but they won't shield anyone from gross negligence. In addition, do not move an injured person unless they are in immediate danger (e.g., a fire). If they have sustained a head, neck, or spinal injury, moving them could make things worse.

With an outside perspective, a willing eyewitness can give law enforcement an objective account of what happened. That input can help them compile an accurate and comprehensive report, which could play a crucial role in any insurance or legal proceedings involving the accident victims.

If you witness an auto accident and decide to stop, pull over at a safe place, allowing some distance between yourself and the accident scene, and activate your hazard lights. Approach the scene cautiously; gawking motorists may prove hazardous, as can crash debris littering the site.

So, if you've witnessed an accident, you're under no obligation to stop, but helping others carries its own reward. ■

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