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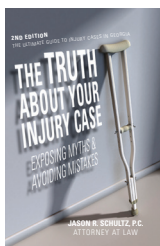
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## **schools:** COMMUNITIES UNTO THEMSELVES

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 our firm for the skill, experience, and thoughtful guidance you need to achieve a fair outcome. ■



# EGGPLANT AND TURKEY BAKED meatballs

*Yield: 8 meatballs; prep time: approx. 60 min.; cook time: 20–25 min.*

*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)

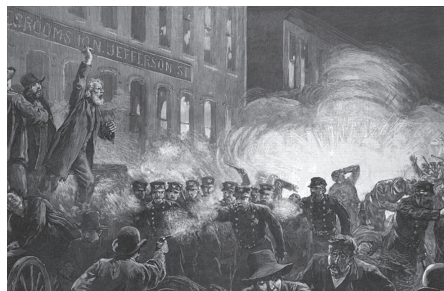
## Directions

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.

*Recipe courtesy of thedomesticdietitian.com.* ■



## WORKING TOWARD Labor Day



In the late 19th century, U.S. industry was booming. Millions moved to the cities to work in factories, mills, stockyards, shipping centers, mines, and railroads. However, 80-hour workweeks, low wages, few days off, and dangerous work environments eventually became a pressure cooker. Labor unions formed to improve workers' lots.

Two strains of pushback developed, and Chicago was a flash point. Some were content to fight for worker unionization and improved pay and working conditions. Others advanced a more radical agenda: toppling the government and instituting a new economic order to replace capitalism.

On May 4, radicals held a protest rally in Haymarket Square in response to a picket-line skirmish three days earlier in which two lives were lost upon police intervention. A homemade bomb was hurled at police, killing one officer; fellow officers responded by firing wildly into the crowd. Over a dozen people lost their lives.

Internationally, protesters killed in the “Haymarket Affair” became martyrs. Primarily socialists, communists, and trade unionists around the world established International Workers’ Day in their honor, celebrated on May 1 (a.k.a. May Day).

The Pullman Strike of 1894, also in Chicago, spurred Congress and President Cleveland to act. Strikers from the Pullman Palace Car Company (a manufacturer of railway cars) were supported by the American Railway Union, who refused to utilize Pullman cars. Rail travel ground to a near halt and caused widespread shipping delays and lost business revenue. Federal troops were summoned, violence erupted, and a public relations nightmare ensued.

Out of the chaos emerged Labor Day, an ode to American workers celebrated on the first Monday in September to distinguish it from May Day and its radical underpinnings. It’s a nice day off, but there’s a lot more to it than a burger and beer. ■



# 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 or a family member is injured due to negligence, contact our firm to protect your rights. ■

## Jason's photo gallery



*We celebrated Melissa's, Jason's paralegal, 3rd year work anniversary.*



*Donna and I enjoyed an Atlanta United soccer game with Madison and her boyfriend.*

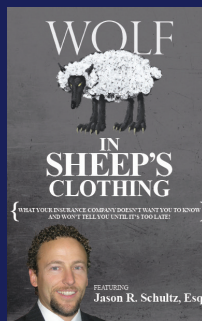
## September 2024 – Mark Your Calendars

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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## gender breakdown ON CAR CRASHES

In 2021, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety released a study of thousands of car accidents spanning 1998–2015 to determine the effect gender has on car accident injury rates. Here are some highlights.

Men are much more likely than women to be involved in vehicular accidents — they drive approximately 60% more miles per year than women (16,500 to 10,100) and suffer more overall injuries. In addition, men also generally have a more aggressive driving style and account for nearly 70% of driver crash involvements, a shade over 70% of driver fatalities, and 79% of all of drunk-driving and speeding-related fatalities. Men also, on average, drive larger vehicles such as SUVs and pickup trucks, which, although offering additional protection, also have more blind spots and are less maneuverable, leading to more accidents.

Women, on a per-accident basis, are 20%–28% more likely to die in a crash than men and 37%–73% more likely to be seriously injured. Women drive smaller, lighter cars than men — which is how marketing efforts are oriented — and are more likely to be occupying a vehicle that is struck by another driver. In smaller cars, they are more prone to taking a direct hit rather than their car absorbing the blow.

Overall, biological differences between men and women seemingly have little influence on injury rates, with one major exception: elevated whiplash injuries to women due to improper seatbelt positioning. Many car manufacturers don't account for women's different neck ligament structures or chest shapes during seatbelt testing/design. Instead, they simply tend to treat women like smaller men.

If you are injured due to another driver's negligence, contact our firm to safeguard your rights. ■



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