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Peace of Mind

What is a very important aspect that one thinks about when you first suffer an accident?

Simply put, **peace of mind**, whether it was caused by a motor vehicle crash, work related event, and/or dangerous drug/defective product for example Zantac, Roundup, J&J Baby Powder, 3M earplugs, hernia mesh implants and CPAP machines. Webster's dictionary defines **peace of mind** as "a feeling of being safe or protected."

After such a calamity, a person's health should be their top priority. That being said, you'll need someone in your corner for guidance about the legal process and help determining if someone else is responsible for the medical expenses, lost wages, pain and suffering, etc. Don't, however, succumb to fear and indecision by not seeking a barrister's advice immediately!

So who you gonna call? Ghostbusters!

Disclaimer — well that is only if the injuries were actually caused by a spook, spectre or ghost, of course. That 1984 film is still among my favourite movies of all-time. In fact, in 2015, the Library of Congress selected it for preservation in the National Film Registry. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the three forgettable sequels.

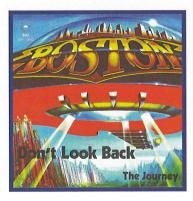


Seriously, call Evan M. Ostfeld, Esq. for vital information. Like the '70's rock band Boston so prophetically stated in their song **"Peace of Mind"** from their 1977 debut album,

"I understand about indecision. But I don't care if I get behind People livin' in competition. All I want is to have my peace of mind." Now with over 29 years of experience, we offer a free consultation about your injury conundrum. Should our law firm eventually be hired, my humble staff and I will attempt to take the dread out of the whole claim process. Everything will be explained in plain English and in a no-nonsense manner without the British accent. Hopefully, if and when the claim is successfully closed, you'll be singing another Boston tune from their

subsequent album "Don't Look Back" which reached No. 1 in 1978.

"Don't look back, ooh, a new day is breakin'. It's been so long since I felt this way I don't mind, ooh, where I get taken. The road is callin', today is the day."



In closing, Thy Referral King® welcomes the opportunity and would be most honoured to try and assist thee in any legal endeavour throughout the United States. Call us today (844) 411-KING (411-5464) to get informed!

Godspeed, -King E

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Thanks for allowing us to represent you. Hopefully, we've earned your trust for future referrals of friends and family, even if the matter occurred outside of Florida. We are only a call, text, or email away!

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'Tis the Season for Giving — Not Stealing! 通函的 MOW TO AVOID HOLIDAY SCAMS A的 MAD

We get busy shopping for gifts online and in-store during the holidays. It's the season that keeps on giving — but not for all. Scammers will devise clever ways to con you out of your hard-earned cash by taking advantage of your generosity. So, as you order from shopping websites and wait for your gifts to come, be sure to protect yourself from the "grinches" of the world wide web. Here are some tips.

Mail Scams

Typically, companies will give you updates on the status on the orders. Although this tool is excellent for tracking purchases, thieves will send phishing emails pretending to be real stores. These emails claim your package is lost or more information is needed to process it. Some may even design a fake webpage link for you to submit your personal data. These fraudulent activities unfortunately are all too common and millions of people's info are stolen as a result. Understandably, when a person first receives these scam emails, one may panic because you think they are legitimate. Remember, USPS, UPS, Amazon, and FedEx won't ask for personal information over an email. A good rule of thumb is never to click on the links. Internet crooks are very good at making them look authentic. Instead, go to the company's website and log in to your account. If action is required, you should see a notification in their portal. Alternatively, call their customer service department to see if they need to actually verify anything.

Shopping Scams

Businesses boom during this time of year because more people buy their products and services. This means however that potential scams can increase, so try a few things to protect yourself. Many products advertising on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok may pique your interest. Before you click "buy," ensure the website is legit. Search for the product on a search engine to see if the same links appear. Carefully read reviews, look for website security credentials, and research unknown retailers before buying. It's better to take extra security precautions to ensure your information is safe.

In addition, never use public Wi-Fi when purchasing items online. You're more likely to be hacked since it isn't a secure network. Cyberthieves tap into public internet sources and intercept your data through techniques like eavesdropping. Although it's appealing to use free Wi-Fi, be careful since your personal data may be compromised!

If you or someone you know is a victim of fraud, report the scam to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at FTC.gov or (877) 382-4357. For more info on scams, fraud, and identity theft, go to USA.gov/scams-and-frauds to learn how to protect yourself so you are not a statistic.

CPAP LAWSUIT STATUS

Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA) is the most common type of sleep-related breathing disorder. While it mostly affects older males, females and children may also suffer from this possibly deadly condition. Those affected by OSA must therefore rely on CPAP, BiPAP, and ASV machines to get a better night's rest.

You've likely heard of the Phillips CPAP lawsuit in which many models manufactured prior to April 21, 2021 have been recalled due to defects in the machine's sound abatement foam which breaks down during use and can potentially release harmful gases such as benzene, formaldehyde, methylene chlorine, and/or other volatile organic compounds. Some Phillips CPAP users have even reported finding particles and black debris in the air circuits of their units. They can enter the user's airway, causing severe illnesses and life-threatening injuries. If you have been diagnosed with cancer, lung damage, and/or a respiratory condition, one may have a valid product liability claim as a side effect of using the defective machines. Specifically they include: Cancer of the bladder, blood (like AML leukemia), brain, bone marrow, colon, esophagus, head, kidney, larynx, liver, lung, lymph nodes, malignant neoplasms, multiple myeloma, nasal, neck, Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, rectum, sinus, soft palate, stomach, testicular, throat, thyroid, tonsils, and of the vocal cords.

Non-cancer cases that may also be eligible are: Pleural Effusion, Lung Disease, Liver disease/ damage, Kidney disease/damage and other Lung Diseases/Conditions such as COPD, acute respiratory distress syndrome, interstitial lung disease (which may include sarcoidosis, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, reactive airway disease (RAD) and Recurrent Pneumonia, Respiratory Failure).

So far, over 110 federal CPAP lawsuits have been filed but there are many thousands of other pending claims. Recent discovery has revealed that Philips had been aware of the defectively designed units for roughly three years

before the recall yet failed to act promptly.

If you or your loved one has been diagnosed with a serious health condition as outlined above, after using Phillips' CPAP machines for at least 12 months, there may be an injury claim against them due to their defective medical devices. Contact us today (866) I SUE YOU (478-3968) for a free, no-obligation consultation to see if we can help!

No-Bake Peanut Butter Snowballs

Inspired by TheFoodieAffair.com

This year-round treat is the perfect dessert for any holiday party. Since you don't need to worry about a hot oven, it's a great recipe to make with the whole family — including the little ones!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Line a cookie sheet with parchment or wax paper.
- In a medium bowl, combine powdered sugar, peanut butter, and softened butter. Mix until evenly combined.
- Shape the mixture into 1-inch balls and place them on the lined cookie sheet. Chill in the refrigerator for 30 minutes or until firm.

- 3 tbsp softened butter
- 1 lb white chocolate candy coating
- In a microwave-safe bowl, melt white chocolate candy coating in increments of 30 seconds, stirring occasionally until smooth.
- 5. In the same bowl, use skewers to dip peanut butter balls into the chocolate before placing them on a lined cookie sheet so they can harden.
- 6. Chill until ready, then serve!

HAVE A LAUGH





HOME ALONE – IS YOUR CHILD READY?

Here Are Some Important Things One Should Consider

Deciding if your child is ready to stay home alone is a vital milestone every parent must face. It's natural for one to worry when leaving their kids unsupervised. Although this concern will never fade away completely, you can prepare yourself and them with some planning.

Child's Age: Do you believe he/she is mature enough to stay home alone? Will they be able to care for themselves and their younger siblings? What if there is an emergency? Although some states may actually designate how old a child has to be to remain at home alone, typically parents use their own judgment, to see signs if their child or children is/are prepared for that responsibility.

Other Factors Before You Take a Chance

- How long will you be out for?
- What is the distance away from your home?
- Is a close relative or friend nearby?
- Do they know how to use a telephone?
- Is there a security system or in-home cameras?

For starters, one should only leave for a short time. This will help you see if they are ready to take on this and how they feel about it.

Safety Awareness: Would your child remember and follow rules? Can they make good judgment calls on their own? Do they have common sense? Establish clear ground rules to keep them safe and trust they will follow what you tell them. So, you've asked your child/children if they feel comfortable being on their own, and they say yes. Here's what you can do to prepare him/her/them for this new experience.

Leave Emergency Contacts: Write down your phone number and that of your spouse or significant other just in case. List other relatives or friends as well. Keep them easily accessible such as on the refrigerator.

Plan for 'What if' Scenarios: Inform your child/children about what to do if there is a fire, storm, medical issue, or if a stranger comes to the door. Make sure they understand

the solutions and can follow them without question. Leave an emergency first-aid kit and instruct them how to call 911.

Don't worry! They are not likely to deal with Christmas bandits like Kevin McCallister faced in the 1990 comedy "Home Alone." By communicating with your kids and preparing them helps create maturity.





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THE LINK BETWEEN ZANTAC AND CANCER CHECKING IN ON THE LAWSUITS



Zantac, a common heartburn drug, was ordered off of store shelves in 2020 nearly four decades after it was first approved by the FDA -U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Whether it was taken by prescription or over-the-counter, it contained an active ingredient called ranitidine. According to the FDA, the drug became contaminated with nitrosodimethylamine or (NDMA) which was found in samples of the product that had been stored for a prolonged period of time or at higher than recommended temperatures. The FDA lists NDMA as a probable human carcinogen, meaning it is likely to cause cancer. Zantac could therefore potentially result in an increased risk of the following five cancers: Bladder, Esophageal, Liver, Pancreatic, and of the Stomach. One must have also taken Zantac (over the counter or prescription) for at least three months prior to the cancer diagnosis. The first Zantac trial started in October 2022 and is ongoing. Accordingly, our firm shall continue to accept cases against the various companies that brought this dangerous product to the market. Unfortunately, unless you reside in the states of CA, IL, MA or VT, the generic brand cases are no longer being accepted as viable for the lawsuit.

If you have been diagnosed with one of the above cancers after using Zantac as referenced, seeking the advice of a qualified personal injury attorney who handles these mass tort matters is a good first step toward achieving fair compensation for your injuries. Here at the Law Offices of Evan M. Ostfeld, we can even help obtain your medical records. Let us handle the ongoing litigation while you focus on your health! Call us at (866) BAD-RXRX (223-7979) for more information; we got your back!