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Distracted Driving Accidents: A Growing Problem



The number of car accidents caused by distracted driving is increasing at an alarming rate.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that 9 people are killed in the U.S. **every day** in crashes that involve a distracted driver, with more than 1,000 more injured. These numbers are even more appalling because most of these deaths and injuries are **preventable**.

Cell Phone Use Including Texting Is a Major Distraction

Driving a car demands attention from the driver in three ways: **Manual**, or keeping your hands on the wheel; **Visual**, keeping your eyes on the road; and **Cognitive**, or keeping your mind on the task of driving.

Eating, drinking, talking to passengers, reading a GPS system, adjusting music and dealing with pets are all activities that distract a driver.

However, texting and driving is the most dangerous practice of all. While texting, your hands are operating the phone, your eyes are on the display and your attention is on what you are reading or typing. This is a deadly combination.

Never Drive Distracted

The laws in South Carolina currently ban texting while driving for drivers of all ages, but there is not a state-wide hand-held cell phone law. Some cities have instituted local prohibitions.

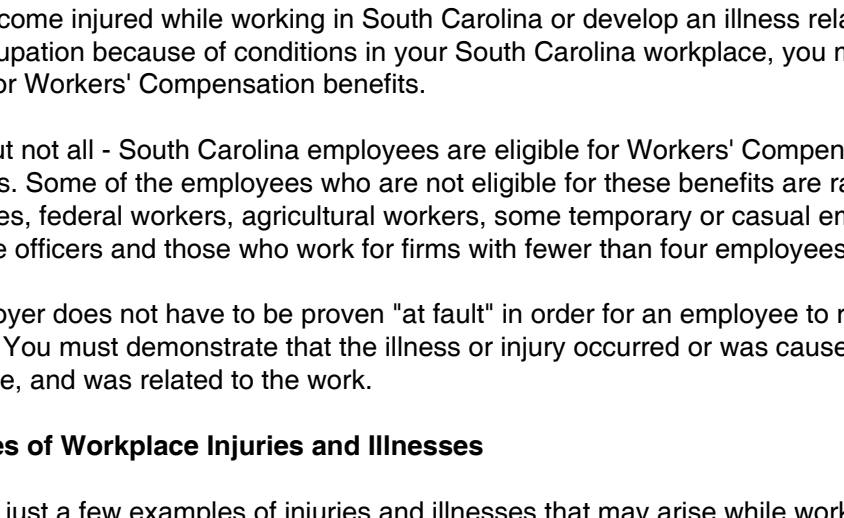
Avoid driving while distracted with these tips:

- Put electronic distractions away. Use hands-free cellphones only for emergency use. Never even glance at texts or emails while driving. Turn your phone off or keep it in the back seat.
- Stay focused on your driving. Keep your eyes on the road and monitor rear and side-view mirrors.
- Ask a passenger to take care of any texts, calls or GPS.
- Keep pets and children safely secured.
- Pull over in a safe place to use your cell phone or to attend to children who are behind you.

Parents: You are role models for your teen drivers! Model the behavior that you want your children to emulate. You can learn more about driving without distractions at Distraction.gov.

The South Carolina Department of Insurance also has more safety information and a "Don't Text and Drive" pledge.

Am I Eligible for Workers' Compensation If I Have Been Injured on the Job?



If you become injured while working in South Carolina or develop an illness related to your occupation because of conditions in your South Carolina workplace, you may be eligible for Workers' Compensation benefits.

Most - but not all - South Carolina employees are eligible for Workers' Compensation payments. Some of the employees who are not eligible for these benefits are railroad employees, federal workers, agricultural workers, some temporary or casual employees, corporate officers and those who work for firms with fewer than four employees.

An employer does not have to be proven "at fault" in order for an employee to receive benefits. You must demonstrate that the illness or injury occurred or was caused in the workplace, and was related to the work.

Examples of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses

Here are just a few examples of injuries and illnesses that may arise while working for your employer:

- Being injured in a workplace accident.
- Getting hurt in a motor vehicle crash while carrying out work duties, such as making a delivery.
- Being exposed to toxic chemicals in the workplace.
- Suffering a repetitive trauma injury from operating equipment such as carpal tunnel from typing at a keyboard or assembling parts on a factory line.

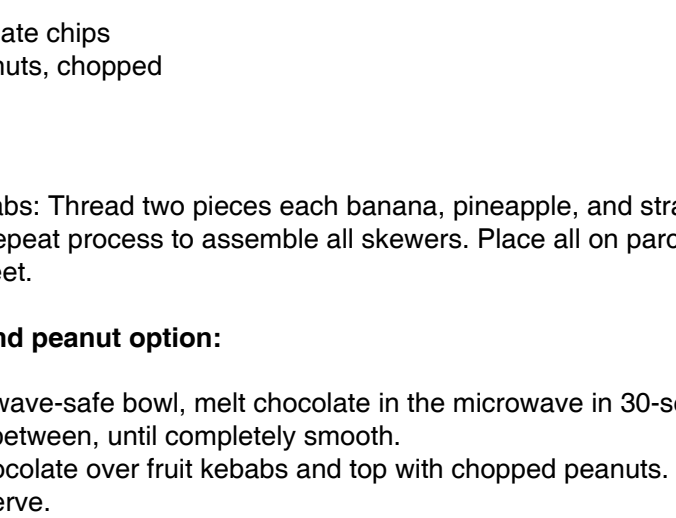
Reach Out for an Attorney Experienced in South Carolina Workers' Compensation Cases

Seeking out legal assistance when you have been injured or have become ill on the job is especially important if you had a pre-existing condition when you became injured, if your employer denied your benefits claim or if your employer retaliated against you in any way after you file a Workers' Compensation claim.

Our firm has considerable experience with Workers' Compensation law in South Carolina and will put our skill and experience to work for you today.

If you or a family member has experienced a car accident or by any other type of personal injury or needs help with a Workers' Compensation claim, it is important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. Call the Jebaily Law Firm, P.A. at our Florence office at 1-855-971-0400 for your initial free consultation or contact us via the website. The Jebaily Law Firm, personal injury attorneys in Florence, South Carolina, can help you determine whether you need a lawyer for any incident or personal injury case.

Recipe of the Month Banana Split Kebabs



Here's a great fresh summer dessert -- fresh fruit kebabs. Make it fun with a drizzle of chocolate and crushed peanuts (if there are no allergies!).

Ingredients

- 2 bananas, cut into 1" pieces
- 24 1" pieces pineapple
- 12 large strawberries, rinsed, dried, and halved

Optional:

- 2 c. chocolate chips
- 1/2 c. peanuts, chopped

Directions

1. Make kebabs: Thread two pieces each banana, pineapple, and strawberry onto skewer. Repeat process to assemble all skewers. Place all on parchment-lined baking sheet.

Chocolate and peanut option:

2. In a microwave-safe bowl, melt chocolate in the microwave in 30-second intervals, stirring in between, until completely smooth.
3. Drizzle chocolate over fruit kebabs and top with chopped peanuts. Freeze until ready to serve.

Recipe courtesy of Delish.com

What's Happening in Florence

Aug 4

Painted Man
James Allen Plaza
Florence, SC
http://www.florencedowntown.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/First-Fridays_2017.png

Aug 5

Market on Darlington Square
County Court House - Public Square
Darlington, SC
<https://www.fairsandfestivals.net/events/details/market-on-darlington-square-2017>

Aug 5

Emmy's 5k Run/Walk
Freedom Alley
Florence, SC
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/emmys-5k-runwalk-tickets-33569292658?aff=es2>

Aug 19

Springdale at Sunrise - 5K
Springdale Race Course
Camden, SC
<http://springdale5k.com/>

Aug 19

2017 Pee Dee Family Expo and Craft Fair
Florence Civic Center
Florence, SC
<https://www.fairsandfestivals.net/events/details/2017-pee-dee-family-expo-and-craft-fair>

Aug 19

Mark Humphries
Redbone Alley
Florence, SC
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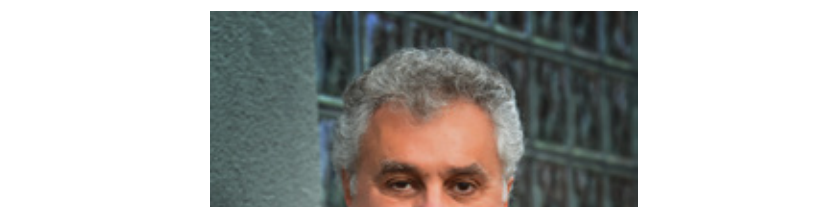
Aug 19

Prettier Than Matt
Southern Hops Brewing Company
Florence, SC
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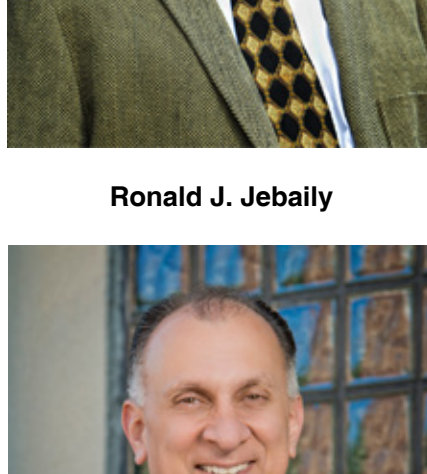
Aug 25

Bradley Sanders
Victor's Bistro & Garden Room
Florence, SC
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