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WINTER DRIVING TIPS, WINTER SURVIVAL KIT, & AUTO SAFETY CHECKLIST

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Winter Driving Tips

When the weather changes, so do driving conditions. We all know that Ohio weather is often brutal and unpredictable. The following information can help you drive safely when winter weather strikes.

- Check the road conditions in your area by staying tuned to local news broadcasts for more information on roadway and weather conditions.
- Remove snow and ice from your vehicle before you drive, making sure the headlights and taillights are visible.
- Accelerate slowly.
- Increase your following distance.
- Brake gently in slow, steady strokes to see how much traction you have, and begin braking early when approaching intersections or stops.
- Approach bridges, shaded spots, overpasses and turns slowly.
- Never use cruise control in winter driving conditions.
- Use non-freezing windshield washer liquid.
- Use snow tires and/or chains (as needed).
- Be sure you have the Charles E. Boyk Accident App downloaded on your smart phone just in case you happen to be involved in an accident. Even if you aren't in an accident but are stuck on the side of the road, our Accident App has a short cut to call a tow truck and 911!

Winter Survival Kit

You should keep the following items in your vehicle:

- Flares
- Blankets and warm clothes
- Shovel and scraper
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Candles
- Lighter or matches
- First-aid kit with pocket knife
- Booster cable
- Chain/tow strap
- Small sack of sand for generating traction under wheels
- Non-perishable food
- Water
- Charles E. Boyk Accident Kit. Keep this handy Accident Kit in your glove compartment for those unexpected accidents.

Auto Safety Checklist

Check and maintain these vehicle components before the bad weather hits your area:

- Ignition
- Battery
- Headlights and taillights
- Brakes
- Wiper blades
- Antifreeze level
- Fuel and exhaust systems
- Heater/defroster
- Tires



DRINKING & DRIVING: NOT THE BEST COMBINATION

The holidays are a time for friends and family to gather and celebrate the season. Increased consumption of alcohol during the special events and parties held around the holidays causes drinking and driving to be more prevalent.

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, an estimated 1,000 people die during the period from Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve in drinking related crashes. In total about 100,000 deaths are related to excessive alcohol consumption each year.

There are also many myths about sobering up, and many people think that having a beer is different than a glass of wine or a mixed drink. Well, these truly are myths and misconceptions. The only way to sober up is by giving your body time. Drinking several cups of coffee, taking a cold shower, or eating a lot of food will not help you sober up any faster. Yes, it does take time to drink several cups of coffee or sit down and have a meal, but those are not the ways to help you sober up - time is!

Whether you have a mixed drink, beer, or glass of wine, it all adds up the same amount of alcohol. So if you think having one over the other will make you ok to drive, that is not true. They all affect your body and impair your judgment and motor skills, which in turn affects your ability to drive.

So our advice to you is if you have a drink while at a party or social event, don't even think about driving home. Calling and paying for a cab is a lot cheaper than taking someone's life. Do the right thing and make sure to stay safe this holiday season!

ACCIDENT APP RELEASE

Some of the features include:

- The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC Facebook and Twitter feeds
- Access to the Charles E. Boyk Law Office, LLC website
- Contact our car accident lawyers to discuss your legal rights and options
- Captures all the auto accident information
- Access the EXACT features of our very popular accident kit

iPhone



We are giving you a chance to win a FREE SanDisk 4GB MP3 Player!! Download our Accident App, "Like" our Accident App Facebook Page, and send us a message telling us what three practice areas are listed in the Accident App. We will put all the names into a drawing and once we reach 100 downloads and "likes" we will draw a winner! Download, "Like," and message us now for your chance to win! Christmas could come early for you!

Android



KID'S HOLIDAY CRAFT 'THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS' ORNAMENT

Total Time Needed: 2-3 Hours

This ornament lets kids assemble miniature figurines and novelty items into magical "through the looking glass" scenes.

MATERIALS:

- 9-ounce clear plastic cup
- Silver poster board
- Pinking shears or decorative craft scissors
- Polyester batting
- Miniature trees (sold in craft stores; try the dollhouse or model railroad section)
- Miniature animals or people (sold in craft stores or online at BJCRAFTSUPPLIES.COM)
- 1-inch-wide mirror
- Tacky glue
- Fine glitter
- Pushpin
- Monofilament
- Several craft beads

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Trace the rim of the cup onto the underside of the poster board. Cut out the circle, but stay at least 1/8 inch outside the trace line so the base will be slightly larger than the cup.
- Cut out a circle of batting snow that's the same diameter as the cup and set it atop the shiny side of the poster board circle.
- Separate or snip the batting where you'd like to position the trees, figurines, and mirror pond. Glue the base of each item to the poster board, then smooth or fluff the snow around them as needed. Sprinkle the scene with fine glitter.
- Use the pushpin to poke a hole in the center of the cup bottom. Thread a craft bead onto a 12-inch length of monofilament. Gather the ends together, letting the bead fall to the center of the line, and thread them up through the hole from inside the cup. String a few more beads onto the doubled line (outside the cup) and then knot the ends to form a loop.
- Apply a line of glue along the edge of the poster board circle. Press the cup, upside down, atop the glue and hold it in place for 20 seconds or so. During the first 10 minutes of drying time, occasionally check the seal and press down gently on the cup, if required. Let the glue cure for a full day before hanging the ornament.



USES FOR THE CHARLES E. BOYK KEYLIGHT

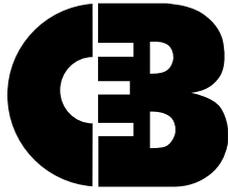
One of the advertising tools we use at the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices is a handy little keychain keylight. It may seem like a small, insignificant tool at first, but after a few months of having it on your keys, it can prove to be quite the lifesaver. That is why our receptionist Emmy Zawojski has decided to compile a list of all the things you can do with our keylight.

- When our Marketing Director Ashley graduated from The University of Toledo she was unable to find her family and I in the stands at the ceremony. With a text to Ashley saying "look for the light," I started flashing the keylight from the stands. Within about 30 seconds she could relax because she had spotted me.
- If you ever get stuck in the wilderness, you can use it for Morse code to signal for help.
- When you find yourself around a campfire with no flashlight to shine on your face for scary stories, just pull this little sucker out and you are good to go.
- For an impromptu dance party, just click the light on an off rapidly for the "strobe light effect."
- I lose things a lot. One of the black holes that just seems to suck things in is my car. With my Charles Boyk keylight to aid me in my search, things turn up much quicker than they used to.
- The keylight is very bright, and while we cannot promise that it will protect you from harm, if some one does try to rob you, a nice shine to the eyes could help deter them.
- To add on to the safety measures that the keylight brings, the intern at our office says that every time she enters the car after dark, she uses it to check her back seat to see if anyone is in there. You can never be too careful!
- Coming home late? The keylight will shine a little extra light to find your door's keyhole in the dark.
- I try to stay on my game with being "aunt extraordinaire" by keeping small toys on me to entertain my niece and my nephew. It seems no matter how cool the new trinket I've got is, nothing compares to how much those kids love the keylight. I recently went over to their house without the keylight on me. My nephew looked at my keys and then looked at me, perplexed, and said, "Where's your fwashwight?"
- Let's say the light in your refrigerator is out. There's no need to get it replaced now as long as you have the keylight handy!! Just shine it into your fridge to see those pesky things hidden behind the milk.

Did I miss anything here? If there is a use for the keylight that is not on the list, send it in and it could be in next month's newsletter! All the entries we get will be entered into a drawing for free movie passes.

If you would like a keylight of your own, call the office at 419-241-1395 or e-mail Ashley at marketing@charlesboyk-law.com to request one.

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THANK YOU TO NEW CLIENTS

Welcome! We would like to welcome our new clients this past month. We sincerely appreciate the confidence you have placed in us. Visit us on the web at **www.charlesboyk-law.com**.

THE BOYK LAW OFFICE IS GIVING BACK THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Every year FOCUS, a homeless services agency in Toledo, seeks groups and organizations to adopt a family in their program for Christmas. These are families that have recently come out of homeless shelters and with FOCUS's help, are now living in either an apartment or a house. This year Charles Boyk Law Offices has adopted two families from the program. We have the opportunity to give gifts to these families in our own community.

CASES OF INTEREST: DECEMBER 2011

TRAILER PULLS IN FRONT OF DRIVER

A pickup truck pulling a homemade trailer pulled out in front of our client, causing our client to strike the trailer. She was treated at a nearby hospital for her injuries. Our client is now suffering from a torn rotator cuff, bicep tendinitis, headaches, as well as severe pain in her neck and back. She is now being treated for the rotator cuff and bicep tendinitis.

PASSENGER IN CRASH SUFFERS FROM CONCUSSION

Our client was a passenger in a vehicle that was hit as a result of someone running a red light. Our client had a green arrow while the other driver had a red light. After being hit, our client's vehicle spun 3 times, causing him to hit his face on the windshield. The other driver was cited and our client was rushed to the hospital by EMS. He was diagnosed with a concussion, and is now suffering from pain in his upper back and right shoulder and is also having numbness in his hand.

LONG-TIME TRUCK DRIVER HURT ON JOB

Our client is a long time knowledgeable truck driver. Even the most experienced driver can be in an accident, especially when the roads are covered in ice. When our client drove onto an ice covered entrance ramp for the highway, he skidded off of the road and his truck flipped. He was admitted to the hospital for severe headaches, dizziness and lower back pain. After being in the hospital for a while, our client found out he was suffering from a traumatic head/brain injury.

