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### Aunt Sue's Any Occasion Cookie Dough

#### Ingredients

1 cup margarine • 1 cup sugar  
2 eggs • 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla  
3 cups flour • 1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon cream of tartar • Pinch of salt

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Using an electric mixer, mix together margarine, sugar, eggs, vanilla.
3. In a separate bowl, mix together remaining ingredients. Slowly add dry mixture to cream mixture, beating until well combined.
4. Remove dough from bowl, wrap in plastic wrap, and chill a minimum of 3 hours, preferably overnight.
5. Roll out dough on lightly floured surface. Use cookie-cutters to make desired shapes. Place 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
6. Bake 6-8 minutes per sheet, until golden brown. Allow to cool completely before frosting.

### Recent Office Fun

Attorney Chuck Boyk with Pluto and his daughter, Sarah, at Disney World. Sarah played in a national soccer tournament in Orlando in January.



Lupe Ramos and Mayor Mike Bell at the presentation of house keys ceremony for the Love for Lupe project.

Marketing Director Anneke Kurt goes sky-diving on a recent trip to California.



### Cases of Interest our office is handling

**35-year-old man is struck by a pickup truck while standing in private driveway,** causing horrific injuries to his leg and requiring six surgical repairs of his tibia.

**27-year-old woman is hit head-on** by a driver going approximately 40 mph. After numerous visits to the ER, EMGs, and CT scans, the woman has had to undergo neurosurgical repair of her spine as well as extensive physical therapy.

**53-year-old man gets boot stuck in a broken ring on a gas lid on ground at gas station while driving away on motorcycle.** The bike then does a back wheelie, causing a spiral fracture on his ankle and significant damage to his knee, requiring three surgeries on his ankle and two on his meniscus.

**17-year-old is involved in a three-car accident,** causing serious injuries to his back. The boy needs surgery and will have to follow-up with physical therapy.

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# The Boyk Bulletin

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## Monitoring Internet use key to keeping kids safe

In the age of Facebook, texting, and YouTube, many parents are at an automatic disadvantage due to the fact that kids can be more computer-savvy than older generations.

While it is great that today's children are so technologically advanced, it can be a frightening wakeup call to parents who don't understand the

different websites their kids are using.

It is imperative that parents know what their kids are doing online in order

to keep them safe. Here are a few tips to help them beat the learning curve, compliments of Consumer Reports:

**1. Be involved.** Teens whose parents show interest in their online lives engage in less risk-taking behavior.

Most teens dislike the idea of Mom or Dad monitoring their account, but if you show positive interest in their profile and online friends, most will open up.

**2. Take age restrictions seriously.** For most sites, the minimum age is 13. Some kids lie about their age online, so it's up to parents to monitor online behavior. The services themselves can't keep your child from signing up.

**3. Explain and check protection features.** When teens use protection features, and are careful about the material they post and the people they link to, these sites can be fairly safe. Generally, with the proper settings in place, the only people who can see what your child has posted are the people your child has linked to (sometimes called "friending" or "following").

**4. Warn kids about quizzes and their privacy.** You know those quizzes and contests that ask for your preferences on everything from pizza to music? Explain to your kids that these aren't just for fun.

They're a means of soliciting personal-interest and contact information so that advertisers can better determine what kinds of messages to send to them.

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Check out our handy Texting Key to find our what your kids are really saying:

- gtg - got to go
- lol - laugh out loud
- rofl - roll on floor laughing
- btw - by the way
- sup - what's up
- fyi - for your information
- asap - as soon as possible
- w/ - with
- BF - boyfriend
- b4 - before
- cos - because
- jk - just kidding
- L8R - later
- GF - girlfriend
- omg - oh my gosh
- thx - thanks
- oxox - hugs and kisses
- zzzz - sleeping or bored
- cya - see ya



## Tough questions asked after two incidents of excessive force involving same Toledo Police Officer

It was recently reported in the media that the same Toledo Police Officer responsible for the shooting death of Linda Hicks was also involved in a police cruiser crash with an 18-year-old pedestrian.

Linda Hicks was a 62-year-old woman who suffered from schizophrenia and was shot and killed by a Toledo Police Officer.

The staff from the group home where Ms. Hicks lived called police on December 14, 2009, requesting a crisis team to assist them, after it was discovered that she had a pair of scissors in her possession.

Instead, two officers came to the scene, twice used a Taser gun on a woman with a pacemaker, and resorted to shooting Ms. Hicks four times after she reportedly came at them with those scissors.

The Toledo Police Department Firearms Review Board ruled that the officer was justified in shooting Ms. Hicks.

We represent the Estate of Linda Hicks in this matter.

We also represent the 18-year-old who was hit by the police cruiser.

Our client was riding as a passenger in a car on January 28, 2010, less than one month after his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Unbeknownst to him, the car he was riding in was stolen. The driver of the car struck the side of a building, and our client fled the scene on foot, out of fear. After he was stopped by a police cruiser blocking his path, another police cruiser drove up, running him over.

According to three separate wit-

ness statements that we provided to the public and media:

1. The police cruiser that struck our client was going approximately 35-45 mph.

2. Our client flew up into the air approximately 10-12 feet.

3. The police cruiser could have avoided hitting the person, and appeared to intentionally strike our client.

4. The roads were not icy or wet on January 28th, so the condition of the road played no role in the collision.

Our client was taken to the Trauma Center at St. Vincent's Hospital, where he spent the night. He suffered a closed head brain injury.

The attorneys in our office were very surprised to learn that the driver of the police cruiser that struck our 18-year-old client was the same woman who shot and killed Linda Hicks less than six weeks earlier.

We are not trying to justify our client's decision to run from the police. We are trying to figure out why the police officer thought that it was appropriate to run over a young man instead of finding a different way, once again, to subdue a suspect.

In the February 6, 2010 issue of *The Toledo Blade*, Toledo Police Chief Mike Navarre was quoted as saying, "We already investigated the accident. She [the shooting officer] didn't do anything wrong."

Attorney Chuck Boyk believes that more questions need to be asked before a decision can be made.

"We believe that there are substantial questions that still exist as to the fairness of both investigations," Mr.

Boyk said.

"How impartial were the investigations of both incidents?"

Here are the questions that we want answered:

1. Were both of the investigations fair?

2. Was it a reasonable decision to allow the offending officer back on the streets to patrol so soon after the shooting death of Linda Hicks?

3. Can the police investigate themselves in a fair and impartial manner?

4. Does someone need to investigate the police?

"It is our duty to our clients and to the citizens of Toledo to ask the tough questions to ensure that everyone is being treated fairly," Mr. Boyk said. "In this case, the citizens need to be protected, but the police need to be protected, too."

Of course the family members of Linda Hicks have questions of their own.

During a recent interview with WTOL Channel 11, Linda's aunt, Evelyn Patterson, kept asking the question: "Why?"

"She was a wonderful woman who didn't have a violent bone in her body," Evelyn said. "No one deserves that. No one. She had just taught her grandkids how to knit. Now she's not here."



Linda Hicks

## Overcoming Adversity

### Robert Lucas

Robert Lucas' outlook on the life-threatening injuries he sustained at work and the compensation that he was finally able to receive is a true testament to the type of down-to-earth person he is.

"I loved to work, that's just the type of guy I am," Robert said. "It's not about the money. I would trade it for being able to go into work every day."

In 2003, Mr. Lucas was instructed by his boss to stand in a debris-littered bucket of a backhoe so he could be lifted between nine and 11 feet in the air in order to fix low-hanging cable and telephone wires. He was not instructed to wear a safety harness.

While trying to fix the wire, Mr. Lucas came into contact with an energized electrical line and suffered a severe electrical shock while his boss was allegedly on his cell phone. The backhoe bucket was lowered and Mr. Lucas rolled to the

ground unconscious.

Mr. Lucas suffered cardiac arrest and was defibrillated three times before he was brought back to life. He remained in a coma for 28 days following the accident, then spent an additional 87 days in the hospital trying to recover.

The injuries he suffered were horrendous. The electrical shock caused one of his eyeballs to pop out of his socket. While they were able to salvage his eye with surgery, he still has vision problems.

He went through 17 surgeries, and incurred multiple, life-threatening infections and scars.

The damage to his left arm is permanent, and he still has loss of feeling in his left palm, and also injured his right forearm.

The pain Mr. Lucas has had to endure is unimaginable. He has not been able to work since the accident occurred in August of 2003.

"Robert dealt with horrific pain from his injuries, yet he still has his

dry, sarcastic sense of humor,"

Chuck Boyk said.

"That is why he is easily one of my favorite clients."

Our office was able to help Mr. Lucas on many levels, including handling a civil suit against his employer, his workers' compensation claim, as well as numerous social security and disability claims.

Since he had incurred more than \$1 million in medical bills, we helped get him compensation for his injuries that will provide him with security for the rest of his life.

For that, he and his wife, Michelle, are grateful.

"We called three attorneys while I was in the hospital," Mr. Lucas said. "Chuck was the only one who would come down and visit me there. He went above and beyond from day one, and I trust him to take care of my family and friends' legal needs."



Robert Lucas

### Internet Safety, cont. from pg 1

Some games, in particular those that ask for a cell phone number, can also lead to unexpected recurring monthly charges for services buried in the fine print. And the terms accompanying these quizzes - not to mention the privacy policies governing most social networking sites - can often be filled with complicated legal terms, and can even change without notice. Be sure to read every word, and check the terms periodically to make sure you're familiar with the latest version.

**5. Make sure your kids accept new "friends" carefully.** Tell them to start by linking just to friends they know and trust in the real world. As they get older, and if they show good judgment online, allow them to ex-

pand their friendships to include acquaintances, or people they know exist in the real world because they have met them or a trusted friend knows them.



**6. Explain when to take things offline.** A verbal fight between teens often continues online and via text messaging - and can get nastier in the social-networking medium.

If a child receives hurtful messages, he should tell the person to stop and then block the person from communicating with him via social networking until the disagreement has been

resolved offline.

**7. Teach your child to guard her reputation.** If someone posts something damaging about her on a social-media site, she should tell the person to remove it. If things get worse, she should tell you. If it is not removed, file a complaint with the site.

**8. Explain that online means "forever."** Teens must understand that anything they post (or even send to just one person) can easily become public and permanent.

If a photo or post is embarrassing or demonstrates that they make bad choices, this material can be used against them and can damage their reputation, relationships and opportunities. Schools have even been known to suspend students over photos posted online.