

The BOYK BULLETIN

Medical Treatment After A Work Injury: How To Make Sure You Don't Get Stuck With The Bill

After handling hundreds of worker's compensation cases, worker's comp paralegal Cynthia Walborn and nurse paralegal Julia Benfield noticed that clients' claims could be improved if certain steps were taken by the workers regarding their medical treatment. Boyk Law is thankful for the time they took to create a handy info sheet for clients and the public, so we wanted to share it with our readers. It also includes a helpful guide on when you should and should not go to the emergency room. Thanks, Cynthia and Julia!

Top Six Ways to Help Your Worker's Compensation Claim

- Please keep track of all doctors' visits in a log with dates and name of providers related to your claim. Make sure to let Boyk Law know of any new doctor(s) or medical provider(s) that you may see.
- Please DO NOT seek treatment in an emergency room unless absolutely necessary. Using the ER in place of your own doctor puts you at risk for being responsible for that bill.
- If you do seek treatment in an emergency room and you have allowable diagnoses, please make the ER provider aware of your allowable diagnoses for their charting purposes. This will help with future billing concerns and keep you from being responsible for bills out of pocket.
- Make sure that any provider you see (at a doctor's office or the emergency room) knows that the visit needs to be billed through your worker's compensation claim.
- The worker's comp/insurance company is only obligated to pay for a new doctor if your doctor of record refers you to the new provider. They will not pay for a doctor that you choose yourself, or emergency room visits that are not related to the claim (and within the allowable diagnoses of the claim).
- Follow all the doctor's instructions on treatment. If you do not follow the instructions of the treating physicians, it will be hard for us to prove your claim.

When to Go to the ER as an Adult

The decision to go to the ER becomes easier as an adult, because you are the one afflicted and understand the seriousness of the situation.

Signs of a stroke, which include:

- Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm, or leg on one side of the body
- Sudden dizziness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye
- Loss of speech, or trouble talking or understanding speech
- Sudden, severe headaches with no known cause
- Unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness, or sudden falls, especially when paired with other stroke symptoms

Signs of a heart attack lasting two minutes or more include:

- Pressure, fullness, squeezing, or pain in the center of the chest
- Sudden dizziness or loss of vision, lightheadedness, or fainting
- Chest pain with lightheadedness

Signs of poisoning:

- Get your toxic poison control center list and ask for immediate home treatment advice
- Custom poisons should be avoided, others should be diluted with water

Signs of severe shortness of breath:

- Depressed respiratory status, or disorientation

Other conditions requiring ER attention:

- Bleeding that does not stop after ten min of direct pressure
- Furters, and severe pain
- A major injury, such as a head trauma
- A severe reaction to an insect bite/sting
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Hemodialy or surgical findings

Bad Reasons to Go to the ER

The following are situations that are self-treatable or where urgent care or a doctor's visit would be appropriate:

- Toothaches (urgent care is usually the better choice if your dentist's office is closed)
- Chest pain not accompanied by nausea, sweating, or shortness of breath, or a history of diabetes or heart disease
- Cold/flu symptoms, unless w/ fainting, frequent diarrhea, changes in vision, chest pressure, or frequent vomiting
- Sprains
- Back pain (if 1 week for ER visits as of 2008)
- Headaches
- Minor cuts
- Sunburns or minor burns
- Rashes, unless MRSA is suspected
- Fever
- Insect stings (unless breathing is impaired)
- STDs and STD complications
- Ear aches

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TPS Proud Celebrates Winners at Byrnedale Elementary

Boyk Law's TPS Proud Student and Teacher of the Month contest awarded students at Byrnedale Elementary, as part of our program aimed at highlighting the best of Toledo Public Schools. Byrnedale students created 41 teacher appreciation videos and the kids were adorable as they described on camera how important their teachers are to them.



Carol Klocheska and Serenity Gilbert

Winning Teacher: Carol Klocheska

Nominated by: Serenity Gilbert

Serenity's nomination: "Ms. Klocheska is really fun but she doesn't sugar-coat anything. She just helps us get stuff done. Since we do life skills, she taught us that during a job, you have to present yourself as if you were meeting the president. You have to be formal, no acting rude or joking around. Be serious. Thank you for teaching me science and all of these things about life."

Prize: \$50 Visa gift card for Serenity for creating her video, \$150 Visa gift card for Carol Klocheska for winning Teacher of the Month.

Student Winner: Antonio Estrada

Nominated by: Kelli Replogle

Kelli's nomination: Antonio Estrada is an exceptional student and is genuinely kind, caring and helpful. He always turns in his best work and takes his education very seriously. I have had some physical difficulties with my knee and ankle this year and he always steps up to help, anticipating my needs before I even realize them myself. Whenever a volunteer is needed, he is one of the first to step up, no matter how unappealing the task may be. He works cooperatively and sometimes even takes the lead in his reading group. He has a ready smile for everyone and has the innate ability to smooth over rough spots when his peers encounter a struggle. Antonio always has a positive infectious attitude. He is extremely respectful of adults and other students and can often be found helping a student struggling with their pile of books during class change. He is prompt, courteous and has a great sense of humor as well. He makes us all smile and inspires his classmates to do and be their very best. We would be lost without Antonio Estrada in our classroom. Each morning, I thank my lucky stars when he enters our classroom with a smile and kind, quiet words. I cannot think of a student more deserving of your reward than this fine upstanding young man.

Prize: \$150 Visa gift card for Antonio Estrada for winning Student of the Month.



Kelli Replogle, Antonio Estrada, and Byrnedale Principal Christina Ramsey

Congratulations To Cynthia On 10 Years of Service!

Worker's compensation paralegal Cynthia Walborn was recently celebrated for her 10-year anniversary with the firm. She started as a receptionist in November 2007 and quickly worked her way up in the ranks to become head of the worker's compensation department.

"Cynthia's dedication to the firm and to her clients make her invaluable to our office," Attorney Chuck Boyk said. "She always anticipates any questions I have, makes sure that we are all prepared for hearings, goes out of her way to find solutions for the clients, and is a voice of reason in an often-hectic field of work. We are lucky to have had her for so many years and hope she stays for many more."

Hand-written cards from each of the attorneys and kind words from the staff, a framed photo of her service, and a gift card for a weekend away with her husband were all presented to Cynthia as a thank you as she tried not to tear up at the surprise.

"This really is a great place to work but it because we have such a great team," Cynthia said. "I'm proud to be a part of it!"



Cynthia Walborn

RECIPE: Nancy's Chocolate-Dipped Strawberries

These decadent treats are not only delicious, they are easy to make, way less expensive than ones sold in chocolate shops, and guaranteed fresh!

INGREDIENTS

- 2 quarts fresh strawberries
- 1 bag milk chocolate melting wafers
- 1 bag white chocolate melting wafers

DIRECTIONS

1. Melt chocolate according to package instructions.
2. Dip half of the strawberries in milk chocolate and the other half in white chocolate.
3. Add remaining chocolate to plastic sandwich bags and cut the tip off of one of the corners. Drizzle the chocolate over the strawberries. Refrigerate until ready to enjoy!



Is Your Heartburn Medication Causing Your Medical Problems?



Proton pump inhibitor (PPI) medications are commonly prescribed to individuals with heartburn and acid reflux disease. They include products such as Nexium, Prilosec, Prevacid, and other similar drugs. Although these drugs may be the most powerful acid inhibitors, long-term use of PPI medications can potentially lead to complications with the

body's ability to consume magnesium, calcium and other vital nutrients. As a result, this can put patients at a higher risk of suffering from:

- **Kidney damage**
- **Cardiac disorders**
- **Bone fractures**
- **Other serious medical problems**

A recent study in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society found that dementia patients who take PPIs have an 89% increased risk of developing pneumonia compared to non-dementia patients taking the drugs.

Who may have a lawsuit? Anyone on heartburn or acid reflux medication that is facing other serious health issues that doctors cannot explain.

Is my medication on the list of drugs that lawsuits are being filed about? Boyk Law has access to a database of all drugs and medical devices that are currently under recall or being watched for problems and would be happy to find out on your behalf. Simply call our office at 888-888-2110 or confidentially provide your information by visiting www.isitalawsuit.com.



\$2,000 College Scholarship Offered To U.S. Veterans & Their Children

We are proud to announce our 2018 Boyk Law Veteran Scholarship, which will award \$2,000 to a college student on May 30, 2018.

Eligibility:

- **Applicant has served in the United States Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Reserves OR is the child or stepchild of someone who has.**
- **Applicant is a U.S. citizen currently attending an accredited college or university within the United States**
- **Student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and have completed at least one semester of classes at an accredited college or university.**

The deadline to apply is May 15, 2018 and all application instructions can be found on www.BoykVeteranScholarship.com or by calling 419-241-1395.

CASES OF INTEREST: MARCH 2018

Car Accident Leaves Man With Hearing Loss & Need For Back Surgery

Our client was broad-sided by a car traveling 55 miles per hour, causing severe and possibly permanent injuries. He was transported to the hospital where he underwent CT scans of his skull, hips, and spine. He went back to the ER two days later for extreme pain in his ear and was referred to an ear, nose, and throat doctor who performed a surgical procedure to drain blood from his ear. It is unknown if he will ever regain the 30% hearing loss in his right ear. Meanwhile, an MRI showed a ruptured disc in his back which was causing the numbness in his legs. He will need to undergo surgery to repair his back and faces months of physical therapy.

Worker Suffers Traumatic Brain Injury After Being Hit In The Head With A Pipe

Our client suffered a cerebral concussion, postconcussive syndrome, and neck pain with possible compressed nerves after she was struck in the head with a 70lb pipe from six feet in the air. She needs to have an MRI of the brain and an EEG because of the concussion and postconcussive syndrome, as well as an EMG because of the numbness and tingling in her hands. We are working to get all of her medical treatment allowed under the claim and compensation since she has been off of work since the accident happened months ago.

A Visit To Meet The In-Laws Out Of State Leaves One Woman With 26 Stiches In Her Face After Dog Bite

Our client went with her boyfriend to meet his father and stepmother in Texas but instead of a warm welcome, she was bit in the face by the stepmother's 80-pound Rottweiler. Twenty-six stitches and a hospital stay later, she is left with a massive scar that plastic surgery can reduce but never fix.



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March's Raving Fan of the Month

Chuck and his entire team have been absolutely wonderful. From the moment they came to the hospital after Ryan's accident I knew that they had our best interest at heart. They were very professional while they diligently worked Ryan's case. We highly recommend Chuck.

– Katy Nofzinger

Dogs Doing Good

It can be tough negotiating with the insurance company and getting them to understand our clients' sides of the story. While the office dogs are friendly and bring joy to the office, they also have a tough side as Boyk Law's secret weapon. Penny's cuteness brought Geico defense counsel Randy Traub to his knees!



Always Know What's Happening in the Glass City

Sign up for Attorney Leah Michael's new eNewsletter, which is co-written by her French bulldog, Biscuit, to learn all about the great things happening in and around Toledo. You'll be filled in on great places to eat, sights to see, cool people to meet, videos to be shared, and events you won't want to miss. Simply email Leah at lmichael@charlesboyk-law.com to be added to the list!

Leah's new video with Bruce Godlewski on how to get more YouTube views that was featured in her eNewsletter. Watch it at www.youtube.com/ceboyk



Boyk Law Expands to Fremont

We are proud to announce that we now have a place to meet clients from Clyde, Green Springs, Tiffin, Bellevue, Pemberville, and the surrounding areas with our new Fremont office.

Located in the Old Armory at 1005 E. State St. in Fremont, our office is centrally located, handicap accessible, and easy to get to from the Ohio Turnpike.

The office is by appointment only, so please feel free to call us at 419-241-1395 to schedule a time to meet with our attorneys. Evening and weekend appointments are often available.

The Old Armory, the location of our new Fremont office



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