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In October 2019, Johnson & Johnson recalled 33,000 bottles of its baby powder products following confirmation the products were contaminated with asbestos. In May of this year, the company announced it will stop selling talcum-based baby powder in the United States. Johnson & Johnson still faces more than 19,000 cancer lawsuits from women and their survivors.

For information about the connection between talc and ovarian cancer, visit us online at contact us at charlesboyk-law.com/talcum-powder or call us at 1-800-637-8170.
Ohio Named 10th Most Dangerous State For Children In Cars

A recent study* revealed Ohio as the tenth most dangerous state for child injuries from auto accidents, with 266 injuries or fatalities occurring between 2015 and 2018. With that sobering statistic in mind and November being Child Safety Month, Boyk Law would like to share a few critical safety tips to help keep the whole family safe on the road:

Buy the right car seat! Children need to be in rear-facing car seats as long as possible – at least until age 2 – before moving to a forward-facing seat.

Install the car seat correctly! Place the car seat in the back seat, consult your car owner’s manual to see where you can safely put the car seat, and make sure the car seat is securely fastened with a snug fit. A properly fitted car seat will not move more than one-inch front-to-back or side-to-side when pulled at the seat belt. When in doubt, double up, go to a car seat checkup event or fitting to have your car seat inspected.3

Make sure it fits! The best possible protection for your child will be a properly fitted, spotless harness with straps that go over both shoulders and both hips, buckling between the legs. You will want to make sure your car seat is appropriate for your child’s size and weight and check regularly to ensure your child has not outgrown the seat. As we head into the colder months of the year, remember that bulky clothes or winter coats can prevent the car seat’s harness from fitting properly, leading to serious safety risks.

Always adjust the harness while your child’s coat is on to ensure a snug and safe fit.4

Change car seats as your child grows! Each car seat is designed for maximum safety at specific heights, weights, and ages, and you will want to use yours until your child reaches the maximum weight or height limit for it. When your child reaches the limits for rear-facing seats, it will be time to switch to a forward-facing seat and then a booster seat. If an outgrown car seat has all its original parts, labels, and instructions, has not been in a crash, and is still current and safe, the best thing you can do is pass it on to help another family stay safe!5

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Recipe: Fatima’s Favorite Cake: Bolo de Bolacha

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1 20 oz Maria Biscuits 2 Egg Yolks see note below 1 tsp Light Brown Sugar 1 tsp Unsalted Butter room temp 1 tsp Sweetened Coffee room temp

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1. In the bowl of a mixer, cream the butter and brown sugar together. Add 1-2 tablespoons of coffee to mixture.
2. Add egg yolks one at time and beat until a smooth consistency is achieved. 3. Set bowl aside.
4. Lightly soak 7 Maria cookies in the remaining coffee and place them on a large round serving platter. Start with a layer of 6 biscuits in a circle shape and a biscuit in the center of the circle.
5. On top of the single layer of cookies, add a layer of the cream icing. Spread it thinly over the Maria cookies and then make a second layer of Maria biscuits. Repeat this process 3 more times for a total of 5 layers.
6. Spread the remaining icing over the top and sides. Smooth out the top and sides with a spatula. The layer of cream on the sides should be very thin.
7. Place in the refrigerator for a few hours or overnight.
8. Before serving, garnish with crushed Maria cookies and coffee beans.

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Although a self-confessed choco-holic, Fatima’s sweet tooth is not limited to chocolate. This humble but heavenly Portuguese dessert, Bolo de Bolacha, or Biscuit Cake, is made with Maria biscuits, rich coffee, and buttercream and is one of Fatima’s all-time favorites.

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Our client was on the job working as a metal material handler when she suffered a major injury. While she was placing a rubber stop behind the wheel of a truck, the truck driver threw the heavy metal ratchet strap over and across the top of the truck, directly into the area where our client was standing. The strap smashed into our client’s head with overwhelming force, and even though she was wearing a safety helmet and safety harness, our client was severely injured. After being struck, she experienced dizziness and vomiting due to the head injury. Rushed to the emergency room, she underwent a CAT scan and was diagnosed with a concussion. Upon further evaluation, our client was referred to a neurologist with a plan to undergo vestibular therapy for treatment. We are pursuing a worker’s compensation claim and investigating a personal injury case on her behalf.

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Employee Spotlight: Welcome, Fatima Alves!

Please help us welcome one of the newest members of the Boyk Law Family, Fatima Alves! Fatima is our new Director of Human Resources and Operations. She is working hard to make sure we have all of the tools necessary to provide you with the best possible service.

We asked Fatima to tell us a few things about herself:

Chocolate is my weakness. If I am out of chocolate, I will eat anything else that is open in the middle of the night. No compromises.

English is not my first language. I was born and raised in Portugal and I am proud to be an immigrant!

My all-time favorite book is “Tuesdays with Morrie,” by Mitch Albom.

I enjoy a great deal of time in the kitchen, which I call my “laboratory,” but don’t expect much scientific precision! The great Italian cook Marcella Hazan said it best, “Measuring is a cook like putting a bird in a cage.” I just use my hazel as a measuring tool.

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Source: homemaderecipe.com/bolo-de-bolacha-portuguese-biscuit-cake

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