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Stay Safe & Keep Halloween Spooky

Halloween is a favorite holiday among many here at Boyk Law. With creative costumes, trick-or-treating, ghoulishly-delicious treats, and fun times at local haunted houses, this celebration is normally a time for fun and heart-pounding thrills.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed many things this year, and Halloween will be no different.

As with so many things this year, we are all wondering how to stay healthy and still have some fun. We hope these tips and helpful resources from the Ohio Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Halloween and Costume Association will point you and your loved ones in the right direction toward a spooky and safe Halloween.

STAY UP TO DATE

For links to the most up-to-date resources from the Ohio Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control, including an interactive map showing the risk-level for each county, visit charlesboyk-law.com/Halloween.

Activities To Avoid:

- Large gatherings like big Halloween parties, hayrides, and haunted houses.
- Trick-or-treating with large groups.
- Distributing or accepting homemade treats from people outside your household.
- Games like bobbing for apples that encourage the spread of infection.

Fun & Safe Alternatives:

- Hold a drive-through or drive-in trick-or-treat event.
- Leave factory-packaged treats in the mailboxes of friends and neighbors.
- Decorate your home and hide treats around your yard for your family.
- Have a neighborhood pet parade.
- Create a fairytale forest in neighboring woods or a local park.
- Host a neighborhood drive-in movie.
- Have a scary movie marathon at home.
- Host a spooky face mask decorating contest.
- Show off your costumes to friends and family via social media.
- Hold a drive-by costume or car-decorating contest.
- Host a virtual costume party and pumpkin carving contest.
- Host a neighborhood-wide, outdoor pumpkin carving contest.

General Safety Recommendations:

- As always, wear a face covering and stay 6 feet away from people who are not from your household. Please stay home if you are sick. (NOTE: Face coverings should never be placed on children younger than 2 or anyone who cannot easily remove them.)
- Use sanitizer often, especially after coming into contact with frequently touched surfaces and before eating candy.
- Consider the people in your household who may be at greater risk of complications if COVID-19 is brought into the home, such as those with certain health conditions, women who are pregnant, or older family members.

Sources: halloween2020.org and coronavirus.ohio.gov

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MOVING FORWARD ACT

Proposes Increase To Insurance Requirements For Commercial Motor Carriers

In June of this year, Illinois Rep. Chuy Garcia introduced an amendment to the Moving Forward Act that would increase the minimum insurance requirements for commercial motor carriers from \$750,000 to \$2 million.¹

Supporters say the increase is overdue and necessary to keep pace with inflation and properly support those who have been catastrophically injured in semi-truck accidents, or the families of those who have been killed by negligent truck drivers. With the current minimum requirement, at times the people whose lives have been upended forever find themselves unable to recover the full extent of their damages because of insufficient insurance coverage.

Opponents of the increase are likely correct that premiums would rise somewhat with an increase in minimum insurance

coverage. But what the increase would mean for drivers all across the country is that victims of the most serious and deadly truck crashes would be compensated fairly.

The first minimum insurance requirements were put in place in 1980 during the Regan administration. Adjusting for inflation, \$750,000 in 1980 is equivalent to \$2.37 million in 2020.² Simply put, it has been 40 years since the minimum insurance requirement for trucking companies was established, and \$750,000 just does not go as far today as it did in 1980.

Taking into account not only inflation but also the rising cost of healthcare, if a truck driver's negligent driving causes a crash that leaves a married father of three children paralyzed, unable to work, and in need of round-the-clock medical care, \$750,000 will only make a dent in his damages.

If the trucking company in this situation only carried the current minimum amount of insurance, the victim's family would be devastated not only from the emotional and physical aspects of the crash, but financially as well.

We support the increase and look forward to the Senate's vote, because we know how far this overdue increase in the minimum insurance requirement would go toward helping those impacted by the worst crashes and injuries that occur on our roads.

■ cdllife.com/2020/house-votes-to-up-trucker-insurance-requirements-to-2-million/

■ www.acpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Coalition-StateDOT-Funding-Final.pdf

■ www.usinflationcalculator.com/



BOYK TRIVIA GIVEAWAY

We love hearing from our friends in the community. In each month's Boyk Bulletin printed newsletter, we'll ask a goofy trivia question about us, our firm, or about what we do.

If you guess correctly, you'll be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card for UberEats or Amazon. We'll draw the winner on the last Friday of each month. If you don't win, don't worry. You can play again next month!

Here's this month's question:

Which Boyk Law employee once performed with a traveling circus?

- *Cynthia Walborn*
- *Mike Bruno*
- *Caroline Bartholamew*
- *Andrea Young*



RECIPE: Zeke & JJ's Spoiled Dog Birthday Cake

This easy cake for dogs gets rave reviews all over the internet. Made with simple ingredients, this recipe is sure to be a hit with your four legged friends.

INGREDIENTS:

Cake

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/8 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 1/2 cup applesauce
- 1/2 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 egg

Frosting

- 1/2 cup vanilla yogurt
- 1/4 cup peanut butter

INSTRUCTIONS:

Cake

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. In a large bowl, combine flour and baking soda.
3. In a separate bowl, mix together vegetable oil, peanut butter, applesauce and pumpkin puree. Once combined, mix in egg and mix until combined.
4. Combine wet and dry ingredients and stir until combined.
5. Pour mixture into an 8" round pan that has been greased with oil. A square pan may

also be used.

6. Bake for approximately 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean and the cake springs back when pressed lightly.

7. Allow to cool on a wire rack prior to removing from pan.

8. After cooling, add frosting if desired.



Frosting

1. Mix yogurt and peanut butter until well combined.
2. Spread over cake. If not serving immediately, store in refrigerator.

**Makes one 8" round cake. Recipe can be doubled to make a layer cake, as shown in the photo. Also, don't you dare taste the frosting (because it's actually very good!).*



Zeke, DOB 8/21/15

"It has the right amount of pumpkin, and the hint of luscious peanut butter in the frosting is sure to please the pickiest of canines. I applaud the chef."

- Zeke



JJ, DOB 9/21/17

"I like cake. I like peanut butter. I like the chef. Zeke shares cake with me. I like Zeke."

- JJ

CASES OF INTEREST: OCTOBER 2020

Husband/Father's Cancer Goes Undiagnosed Leading to Medical Malpractice Claim

When our 40-year-old client's bloodwork showed a high red blood cell count, his family doctor referred him to an oncologist for further evaluation. For months, the oncologist repeatedly told our client that nothing was wrong. However, seven months later, our client went to the emergency room for a horrible headache and was diagnosed with brain cancer. Further evaluation revealed that our client also had cancer in his kidneys and lungs. He had surgery to remove the brain tumor in efforts to slow the cancer's spread, but, tragically, his prognosis is terminal. Our client is a husband and a father to a 4-year-old boy, and the impact of his delayed diagnosis is absolutely devastating to him and all his loved ones. Our office is investigating a medical malpractice claim against the treating doctors.

Rear-End Accident Leaves Man Without Use Of Arms & Legs

Our client had a green light allowing him to make a left turn from Lawrence Avenue onto Dorr Street in Toledo. After our client legally turned and proceeded eastbound on Dorr Street, he was struck from behind by another vehicle. The impact forced his vehicle sideways and off the road. Although the at-fault driver claimed that he had a green light, not our client, two witnesses who observed the collision reported that they saw the at-fault driver run a red light before smashing into the rear of our client's vehicle. Our client was rushed by ambulance to the St. Vincent's Hospital Emergency Room, where he learned that his cervical spine had been crushed along five vertebra. This devastating spinal injury has caused our client to lose the function of his limbs. He was transferred from the hospital to a physical rehabilitation facility, where he remains today.

High School Student Ejected From Speeding Vehicle

Our client, a 16-year-old boy, was a front-seat passenger in a pick-up truck that was speeding along Township Road 131 in Seneca Township. Because of the vehicle's excessive speed, the driver lost control as he attempted a turn, causing the vehicle to go off-road and overturn. Our client was forcefully ejected out of the front windshield and lost consciousness. Emergency responders appeared on the scene and found three of the vehicle's occupants sitting near the road with non-life-threatening injuries. Our client was found near the vehicle in critical condition. He was life-flighted to the hospital, where doctors determined he had suffered a concussion and multiple fractured bones including his ribs, clavicle, tibia, and fibula. This young man faces a long road to recovery including another surgery to remove the hardware from a previous leg surgery.





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2020 Veteran Scholarship

Don't forget! The deadline to apply for the 2020 Boyk Law Veteran Scholarship is Sunday, November 1.

The scholarship was created as part of Boyk Law's continued commitment to the individuals of the United States Armed Forces and their continuing education. The Boyk Law Veteran Scholarship gives \$2,000 to a student who has either served in the Armed Forces or is the child of a U.S. Veteran. The recipient must be currently attending an accredited college or university.

Visit us online for further information about eligibility and how to apply:

www.charlesboyk-law.com/gives-back-scholarship/

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Employee Spotlight: Myanna Evans



We are delighted to introduce a new member of the Boyk Law Family: Myanna Evans. Myanna joined Boyk Law as the receptionist at our headquarters in Holland on August 12 and has already proven herself to be an asset and a fantastic addition to our team.

If you call the Holland office, please join us in welcoming Myanna!

We asked Myanna to share three of her favorites:

- Podcast: Dateline (The Boyk Brief is a close second)
- Ice Cream: Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough
- Fall Activity: Bonfires with friends and family

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