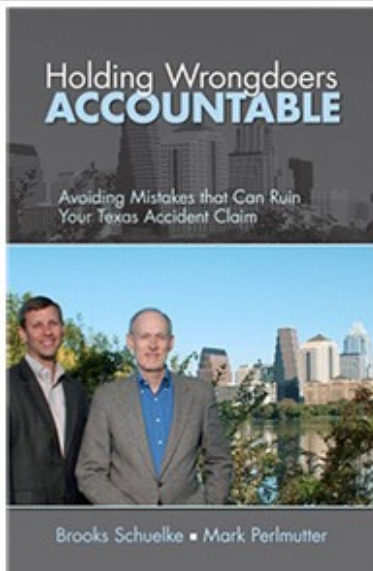


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I'm Scared

And How It Helps You



The idea of my daughter moving on to middle school, where we don't know the details on everything, is frightening.

As I reflect on it, I realize most of my clients share similar fears.

While I live in the lawsuit world on a daily basis, most of you don't. Whether you come to me as an individual or for a small business, it's probably your first time in the system.

Just as my family is nervous about the new experiences and not knowing what's going on, you often come to me with those same fears about your rights, what to expect, the process and more.

I think my experience with my daughter heading off to middle school will serve as a good reminder of your fears and concerns.

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I'm scared to death.

Why?

Because soon, my daughter will be starting middle school. I'm very nervous about what that brings with it.

We know almost everything about her elementary. We know the teachers; we know the principal; we know all the details about dropping our kids off and picking them up; we even know the custodians.

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FEARS: We Renew Our Pledge To Help Reduce Yours

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With my renewed reminder of your fears of the lawsuit process, we are renewing our pledge to help you reduce your fears.

The primary way we pledge to do that is through information. We want to provide as much information as possible to help you

know what's going on.

For a long time, we've had a good website that provides a lot of information. We're adding additional information there that you can use as a reference. And we're developing additional handouts

to help answer common questions.

But most of all, we'll let you know what's going on. We'll keep you informed of your case and, when you call us, we'll answer your questions instead of making you feel like your call is unwelcome.

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Towed-Trailer Deaths Are Drawing More Attention

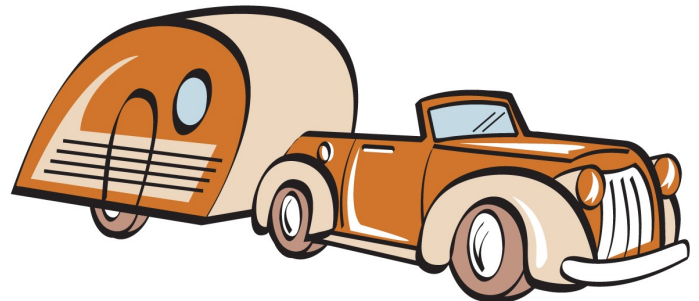
They seem like unusual accidents that cause little attention. But when you add them up, from 1975 through 2008, 15,211 people were killed in crashes involving passenger vehicles towing trailers, according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration. That averages out to one death per day from unsafe towing practices.

The collisions can occur when poorly secured trailers break loose and careen into traffic, usually during the peak recreational boating season.

Although we haven't found any formal statistics for towed-trailer accidents in Texas, the anecdotal stories indicate that this is an increasing problem on Texas highways and roadways.

Some states are taking steps to minimize these types of dangers. In 2010, Virginia passed a law requiring people towing trailers to make sure that their hitch is rated high enough to carry the load they are carrying. Virginia traffic safety activist Ron Melancon was the driving force behind the Virginia law. He says, "Our best course to prevent these needless deaths and injuries is through education, enforcement, and vehicle design."

Learn your lesson — when you're on the road near a towed trailer, protect yourself and your family with defensive driving.



Can You Spare An Hour Per Week?

My wife and I have spent so much time at our kids' school, our kids are tired of us. Unfortunately, not all kids have that opportunity.

That's why we've spent the last several years volunteering with the Seedling Foundation (seedlingfoundation.net). The Seedling Foundation is an Austin-based non-profit that provides mentors for kids who have primary caretakers in prison.

Mentors generally agree to visit with their mentee for one lunch-period per week. This time can be spent talking, reading, playing games, or (as in my case) playing sports with



your mentee.

This has not only been good for the kids, but my wife and I both found it extremely rewarding for us. If you have an hour per week you can spare, we urge you to consider spending it with one of these kids in need.

Protect Yourself With Uninsured Motorist Insurance

All of us are required to purchase automobile insurance of at least \$30,000 to protect others, but if you're in a wreck, will the other driver's insurance be enough to protect you?



Maybe not. Several times a year we have to tell potential clients that the other driver in a car wreck didn't have enough insurance to compensate the client for the client's damages.

This problem is becoming worse with rising health care costs. One surgery can be enough to wipe out all of the other driver's insurance coverage. Then, their coverage is protecting the hospital or your surgeon (or your health insurance company) instead of you.

The answer is uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage. This coverage provides you protection and helps pay for your injuries if the other driver did not have insurance or if the other driver didn't have enough insurance.

This coverage is fairly inexpensive and can make all the difference in the world if you're in a wreck. Please buy it, for your sake.

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Fall Is Coming! Don't Forget To Check Your Heaters

It's 106 as I write this, and we just finished the hottest July in memory (or perhaps ever), but I want to talk about heaters. Fall is coming (I hope—for cooler weather and for football), and it's never too early to plan ahead to protect your family from winter furnace fires that damage numerous homes and contribute to too many deaths.

Ironically, our hot summer and reliance on non-stop air conditioning make it more important than ever to plan for winter fires by changing your air filters and keeping your ducts clean. Also, consider having a professional service your furnace before the season starts.

A little planning now may save lives later.