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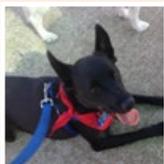
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Straight Scoop on Recorded Statements



If you've been involved in an auto accident in which the other driver was at fault, count on getting a call from his/her insurance company at some point. They'll likely be requesting a recorded statement. No matter what they try to tell you, **you are not required to give them one**. They may even claim that you can't get paid without it, which is a blatant falsehood.

The at-fault driver's insurance adjuster may be pleasant and charming, but their only goal is to reduce the amount of money their employer pays out. That means claim denials...including yours. A recorded statement gives them ammo to twist or stretch your words. An adjuster may phrase their questions in ways that deceive you into giving responses that hurt your case—without you ever realizing it. They will claim you're lying if your statement isn't a carbon copy of statements you've given to others (e.g., to a police officer or at a deposition hearing), even though that's natural when multiple statements are given weeks, sometimes months, apart.

You are, however, obligated to cooperate with your own insurance company, which might include giving a recorded statement to enable your insurance company to make a recovery for your claim. You could request that your insurance company agree in writing that they will not share your statement with the other side.

Bottom line: *Never* give a recorded statement to the at-fault driver's insurance company; it will only hurt your case. You *must* cooperate with your own insurance company.

If you've been injured in an auto accident as the result of another's negligence, contact an auto accident attorney to protect your rights.

The Miley Legal Group Warns About the Dangers of Childhood Heatstroke



Heatstroke is the number one killer of children, outside of car crashes. That's why The Miley Legal Group has joined with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to attempt to reduce these deaths by reminding parents and caregivers about the dangers of heatstroke and leaving children in hot cars. In 2015 there were 24 heatstroke deaths of children in vehicles, currently news outlets have reported over 15 heatstroke victims this year.

"As outside temperatures rise, the risks of children dying from being left alone inside a hot vehicle also rises," said Tim Miley of The Miley Legal Group. "One child dies from heatstroke nearly every 11 days from being left in a hot vehicle, but what is most tragic is that these deaths could have been prevented."

The Miley Legal Group urges all parents and caregivers to do these three things:

- **NEVER** leave a child in a vehicle unattended;
- Make it a habit to look in the back seat **EVERY** time you exit the car;
- **ALWAYS** lock the car and put the keys out of reach. And, if you ever see a child left alone in a hot vehicle, call 911 right away.

If you are a bystander and see a child unattended:

- Always make sure the child is okay and responsive. If not, call 911 immediately.
- If the child appears ok, attempt to locate the parents; or have the facility's security or management page the car owner over the PA system.
- If there is someone with you, one person should actively search for the parent while the other waits at the car.
- If the child is not responsive and appears in great distress, attempt to get into the car to assist the child, even if that means breaking a window.

Know the warning signs of heatstroke, which include: red, hot, and moist or dry skin; no sweating; a strong rapid pulse or a slow weak pulse; nausea; confusion; or acting strangely. If a child exhibits any of these signs after being in a hot vehicle, quickly spray the child with cool water or with a garden hose - **NEVER** an ice bath. Call 911.

Children's body temperatures can rise up to five times faster than that of an adult, and heatstroke can occur in temperatures as low as 57 degrees. On an 80-degree day, a car can reach deadly levels in just 10 minutes.

"59 percent of all vehicle-related heatstroke deaths in children are caused by a child accidentally being left in the car, and 29 percent are from a child getting into a hot car on their own," said Miley. "We want to get the word out to parents and caregivers, please look before you lock."

Over the next few weeks, The Miley Legal Group will be mailing flyers to local childcare centers to provide to families within our community to continue to spread the word.

For additional information please visit www.safercar.org or www.safekids.org.

The Miley Legal Group and WBOY TV Announce the Winners of the *Celebrating Volunteers* Award Program

Deb Workman and the Volunteers at the Bridgeport Farmers Market



WBOY's Gretchen Ross, Doug Miley, Deb Workman and Athena Freedlander both of Bridgeport Farmers Market.



The goal of many community farmers markets is to provide a location for community members to access local fresh products and to cultivate the local economy. The Bridgeport Farmers Market does just that and then some! Since 2009, the farmers market has developed and grown into a well known weekly feature during the summer months and monthly feature during winter months. Participants can access local fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, breads, meats, eggs and a number of other local products. In addition to the products offered by local vendors, the market is home to a weekly music series, cooking demonstrations, children's activities and a number of artisans.

Organizing and fulfilling the Bridgeport Farmers Market's mission to "create and sustain a community of local vendors and supportive customers in order to cultivate the local economy and provide fresh, healthy food to the people of North Central West Virginia," is a very difficult task that is done through volunteers. Each week the event must be organized and set up to encourage community participation. This is done through a network of volunteers led by Deb Workman and the Bridgeport Farmers Market Board and they have been selected as June's Celebrating Volunteers winner to honor and encourage their work to bring healthy living to our area.

Workman and a number of other Bridgeport community members began discussions and the creation of the market in the Spring of 2009. A steering committee was created among business owners, residents, city officials and others to found and create the Bridgeport Farmers Market. The farmers market has taken on a notion of its own to become a destination market that allows people to attend, shop and spend the day with the sights and sounds of local vendors and artisans. It is

not rare to have families come to the market, eat the made to order offerings and spend a warm and sunny afternoon listening to a local musician while watching a local chef or artisan prepare a product for purchase. It has been the primary goal of Workman and the Board to create a sustainable market to be experienced by many for years to come.

"We are constantly bringing in new volunteers to keep the market alive and progressing," stated Deb Workman. "It's become a festival of sorts every Sunday for twenty-two weeks. Our volunteers are incredibly committed because they believe in what we are doing in every aspect."

"One of the special aspects of North Central West Virginia is the local communities and their citizens." Gretchen Ross of WBOY stated. "The Bridgeport Farmers Market, through Deb and all of the volunteers, creates a warm and welcoming event that brings together the community while positively impacting the local economy while supporting local vendors and artisans. I look forward to attending the market each summer and appreciate the hard work it takes organizing it each week."

"West Virginia has a long history of artistry and agriculture. The Bridgeport Farmers Market optimizes that, and allows those great traditions to continue," said Tim Miley, owner of The Miley Legal Group. "The hardwork of Deb Workman and everyone involved allows our community to experience what our area has to offer while further enhancing our economy. I appreciate their work and am honored to bring attention to it."



The *Celebrating Volunteers* awardees receive public recognition for not only themselves, but their organization. They also receive a \$500 contribution to the organization they represent in their name. Gretchen Ross of WBOY TV and Tim Miley of The Miley Legal Group work together to select the awardees from the many nominations received from the public. The volunteer selected will have demonstrated their commitment to an organization through volunteerism and support.

"I am an avid supporter of volunteerism in our communities." Miley stated. "The *Celebrating Volunteers* program is a way that we can recognize the hard work and dedication of individuals across our region."

We look forward to recognizing a number of worthy individuals while giving their organizations a part of the spotlight. The program will continue recognizing volunteers throughout the coming year. In order to nominate a volunteer to receive this award, please visit MileyLegal.com and click on the *Celebrating Volunteers* logo.

For more information on the Bridgeport Farmers Market, please visit BridgeportFarmersMarket.com and to keep up to date on their offerings, follow them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Recent Victories

- ✓ A passenger involved in a motorcycle accident received a favorable settlement after months of agonizing rehabilitation. She chose The Miley Legal Group based on recommendations from friends and family.
- ✓ A car accident case settled before going to trial. Our client was hit after another driver ran a stop sign and the insurance company tried to place full responsibility on our client for the accident and the injuries. After providing evidence of the accident scene to the insurance company's attorneys, including pictures, a settlement was reached.
- ✓ After reviewing an insurance policy for a member of our community, it was discovered that they were paying for more insurance than was necessary for their vehicle types, after contacting their insurance agent and discussing the policy further, our client saved over 20% on their policy.

Picnic Idea: Refreshing Watermelon Salad

Ingredients:

- 3 Tbsp lime juice
- 1 cup sliced red onion, cut lengthwise
- 15 cups cubed watermelon
- 3 cups cubed English cucumber
- 3 cups cubed English cucumber
- 1 (8 oz.) package of feta cheese, crumbled
- ½ cup chopped fresh cilantro
- cracked black pepper
- sea salt



Photo and recipe courtesy of allrecipes.com

Directions:

1. In a small bowl, pour lime juice over red onions. Allow to marinate while assembling salad.
2. Gently combine the watermelon, cucumber, feta cheese and cilantro in a large bowl. Season with black pepper. Toss watermelon salad with marinated onions and season with sea salt just before serving.

Words of Encouragement

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”

– Hebrews 11:1

“The wicked are overthrown and are no more, but the house of the righteous stands firm.”

– Proverbs 12:7

“He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.”

– Muhammad Ali

Pet Peeves – Summer Safety

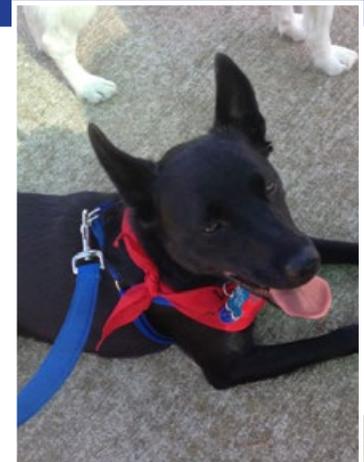
Hey Friends! Dexter and Mia here with some important summer tips!

Summer can be sweaty and hot for humans, but we get hot during the summer, as well. There are a couple of things you need to be aware of to make sure your furry friends stay cool and keep from getting a heat stroke.

We put together this quick list of basic summer safety for pets...(with the help of The Humane Society of course!)

1. Never leave your pets in a parked car. *This should be a given, but people still do it and a large number of pets (and even kids) die this way each year!*
2. Watch the humidity. *The humidity level can create problems for our natural heat release...panting.*
3. Limit exercise on hot days. *We don't want to work too hard on extremely hot days, and you shouldn't either!*
4. Provide lots of shade and water. *Whenever your furry friend is outside, make sure you protect them from the sun and offer them plenty of fresh water!*

These are just a few of the tips, but should get you started. Summer months can be very hot for both humans and animals, just don't forget us when planning your fun, because summer equals FUN too!





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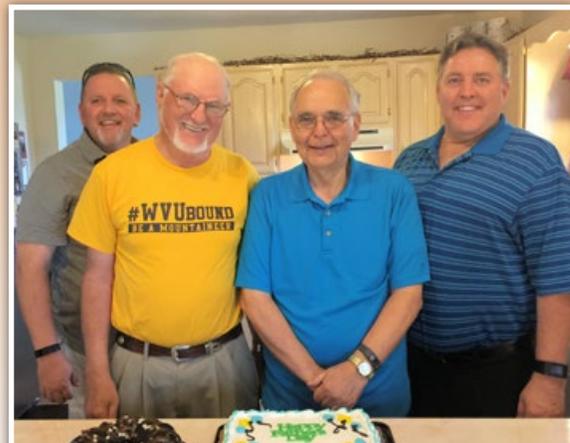


*FitBit Big Winners -
Kassi Elliott (Top
Steps!), Tim, Susan,
Doug, & Jason
(Not Pictured
Cynthia Hill)*

Miley Family Fun



Maddy and Hunter hanging out



*Celebrating Father's Day!
- Doug, Huck, Bob, & Tim*