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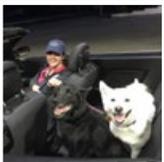
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Truck Rollovers Becoming the New Norm?

Dangerous tractor-trailer rollover accidents—which occur when a truck flips over while moving—are frighteningly common on our nation's roadways, in fact locally we have recently heard of a number occurring right on our own I-79. Because the wheels have left the ground, the vehicle is totally out of control. Other motorists on the roadway are in jeopardy, as well as objects that happen to be in the runaway truck's path. In addition, cargo may go flying, possibly striking other vehicles or posing obstacles on the road that may prompt evasive maneuvers...and more accidents. Not to mention, hazardous/toxic payloads can trigger widespread injury and property damage miles from the original accident site, and perhaps long after the incident has occurred.



These types of accidents can lead to catastrophic injuries. When another vehicle is either struck by flying objects or the out-of-control truck itself the damage is devastating. We have seen cases where broken bones, lacerations and even deaths have resulted from these types of accidents. To increase awareness and keep drivers informed, take a look at the most common causes of tractor-trailer rollover accidents so you can be on the lookout.

The most common causes of tractor-trailer rollover accidents include:

Improperly loaded trailer. If a load's weight is not evenly distributed or properly secured, it may shift while traveling and result in a rollover.

Speeding. The higher the speed, the more potential for rollovers. Rounding a curve or turn too quickly, a shifting load, or hitting an object on the road is all it takes.

Wind. Tractor-trailers are long and broad, making them more susceptible to the effects of wind gusts. High-wind warnings should be heeded.

Careless and reckless driving. This includes a driver's lack of understanding how to drive his/her rig, impatience, or driving under the influence or while sleep-deprived.

Improper maintenance. Underinflated tires or a damaged suspension can cause a truck to tip over on sharp curves, steep downhill grades, or uneven road surfaces.

If you have suffered injury due to the negligence of a truck driver or trucking company, contact your truck accident attorneys at The Miley Legal Group right away. 



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

Emily DeMotto of the Davis Medical Center Foundation



WBOY's Tim, Emily Demotto and Gretchen Ross



The small town atmosphere in West Virginia is known for its close knit community. Those that assist one another in their time of need has become a pronounced aspect of life here. This has been especially pronounced with the flood recovery in southern West Virginia. Families have been devastated and the hopes of returning to a normal life are held dear and only preserved by the masses of friends and community members from across the state that have joined together to help put hundreds of lives back together. Those feelings of togetherness and support stem from a broader sense of volunteerism and love of community found in many West Virginians. Volunteers can be found locally at hundreds of organizations that touch the lives of thousands throughout our state. Emily DeMotto is one of those volunteers. As a volunteer at Davis Medical Center in Elkins, she works each week to not only make lives easier for those that she comes in contact with, but to help lift their spirits during the most trying times.

Since her graduation from Elkins High School, Emily has volunteered as part of the Cafeteria "Chatters" at the medical facility. Her role at the hospital is to provide comfort to patients and family members going through very difficult times. Her disability, cerebral palsy, has never prevented her from her goal of making those around her happy. If you have met Emily, you know her personality creates warmth within everyone she meets.

When asked why volunteering has become such an important aspect of her life, Emily responded with "I love helping people and making them happy and seeing them smile." Her love of those in her community, and the work she does to support those at Davis Medical Center are the primary reasons why she was selected as this month's Celebrating Volunteer award winner.

Emily was diagnosed with cerebral palsy around the age of one. Her cerebral palsy has greatly reduced her verbal communication capabilities and mobility, but she has never allowed those issues to hinder her ability to remain an active member in her community. She has overcome the difficulties she faces in moving around and has used creative ways, including an iPhone app, to assist her in communicating with those around her. She loves her phone and in fact posts frequently to her Facebook page showing her wit and her love for WVU and the New York Rangers.

"She is such an inspiration for everyone she meets. In spite of the challenges she faces everyday, she inspires everyone with her smile and laughter," stated Valerie Bright, coordinator of volunteer services. "Davis Medical Center would not be the same without Emily."

"The first time I met Emily I saw first hand why she was nominated, she lights up the room and creates an atmosphere of warmth and happiness," Gretchen Ross of WBOY stated. "Everyone I came in contact with during my visit with her, reflected positively upon her. She brings cheer to patients and staff alike, her personality and perseverance creates an environment unlike any I have seen within the confines of a hospital."

"Communities all across West Virginia rely on their local medical facilities to ensure they are kept healthy and receive the treatment they need. Emily pushes that forward with her volunteer work and eases the minds of everyone that comes in contact with her," said Tim Miley, owner of The Miley Legal Group. "She works each week to assist patients and their family get the comfort they need to help them through some of the most distressing times in their lives."



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 Davis Medical Center Foundation, please visit davishealthsystem.org and to keep up to date on activities at the hospital, follow them on Facebook at [Facebook.com/DHSWV](https://www.facebook.com/DHSWV).

Recent Victories

- ✓ A positive resolution ended a case involving a pedestrian being struck by a vehicle causing extensive and permanent physical damage to our client. The insurance company took full responsibility and addressed our clients claim after some intense negotiations.
- ✓ After extensive research and information gathering by a lawyer here at The Miley Legal Group it was discovered that our client would have access to an additional insurance policy that doubled the initial offer from the insurance company.
- ✓ Before completing a case and providing the funds to our client, we made one last ditch effort to negotiate the reimbursement amount on a medical payments payout which resulted in a full waiver of reimbursement by the insurance company, and gaining an additional \$5,000 for our client.

Triple Berry Crisp: Yummy Way to Use Those Summer Berries!

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups fresh blackberries
- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1 ½ cups fresh raspberries
- 1 ½ cups packed brown sugar
- 1 ½ cups fresh blueberries
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 4 tablespoons white sugar
- ½ tsp ground nutmeg
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ cups butter

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. In a large bowl, gently toss together blackberries, raspberries, blueberries and white sugar, set aside.
3. In a separate large bowl, combine flour, oats, brown sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. Cut in butter until crumbly. Press half of mixture in the bottom of a 9x13 inch pan. Cover with berries. Sprinkle remaining crumble mixture over the berries.
4. Bake in the preheated oven for 30 to 40 minutes, or until fruit is bubbly and topping is golden brown.
5. Enjoy and let us know what you think!



Photo and recipe courtesy of allrecipes.com

Words of Encouragement

“Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.”

– Psalm 31:24

“Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up.”

– Romans 15:2

“I never did anything by accident, nor did any of my inventions come by accident, they came by work.”

–Thomas Edison

Pet Peeves – Keep Your Furry Friends Safe While on the Road

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

We love that there are laws in place to protect our little human friends who travel in cars. But us pets, however, are a very different story. Very few states, including West Virginia, have laws requiring pet owners to restrain or secure their pets while in moving vehicles—which can be a recipe for disaster.

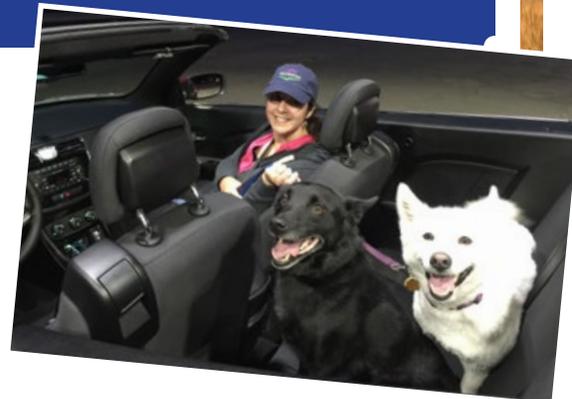
When an accident, sudden swerve, or slamming of the brakes occurs, unsecured pets can become projectiles. Both the pet and other passengers inside the vehicle are in harm's way. Unrestrained dogs riding in the bed of a pickup may be thrown out of the vehicle or crushed in a rollover.

We may love hanging our head out the window, soaking up the sights, scents, and occasional bug up our nose, but it is dangerous. We really hate when we get struck by flying objects. We have even heard of some of our furry friends jumping out the window and getting very hurt. One time we saw a fellow dog get choked in the window because his pay hit the button that makes the glass come up.

We can also be a huge distraction to the driver in a number of ways!

Here are some tips to keep your pet safe when traveling:

- Place your pet in a pet carrier or crate in the back seat of your vehicle. Make sure the carrier is secured so it doesn't become an even bigger potential missile.
- Utilize a harness (again, in the back seat). It's kind of like a seatbelt for your pet. It wraps around the chest and shoulders and can clip into your car's seatbelt system.
- Never allow your pet to ride in the bed of a pickup. The American Humane Association estimates that over 100,000 dogs per year die in incidents involving truck beds (ejection, jumping out, sliding off an open tailgate, or rollovers). 🐾 🐾





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Miley Legal Group Fun!



*Tim thanks Jimbo for helping
the flood victims*

Honoring our Volunteers:



Bessie Goff, Tim and Wilda Sanders



Tim, Shirley and Carl Funk



*We will miss you Jack!
#JackStrong*