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FROM THE DESK OF CHARLES D. HANKEY

What to Do if You Are in a MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

As a personal injury law firm, we often hear our clients say, "I didn't know what to do after the accident." Obviously shaken up, this is not the time to try and figure out what your next step is. As such, we have put together a check list of things to do following an accident:

- The VERY FIRST THING TO DO Think Safety First. Get yourself out of the car and off the roadway to avoid further injury. Try to get off the shoulder of the roadway in case other cars come upon the accident too quickly and cannot stop.
- Remain calm and secure the accident scene with hazard flashers and/or flares.
- If needed, call for medical help immediately.
- Only discuss the accident with the police and don't accept fault with anyone.
- Photograph (feel free to use your phone) the accident scene, preferably before any cars are moved.
- Notify your insurance company if you are sued.
- Contact your attorney to discuss your legal options following the accident.
- Jot down what the other driver said about how it happened and make a note if they admit liability.

The following is a list of useful information to gather following the accident:

- Date of the accident
- Time of day
- Location/Weather conditions
- Other driver's information
- Any witness information
- A general description of the accident

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Metal-on-Metal Hip Replacements By Ashley Marks, Attorney



Approximately 500,000 metal-on-metal hip replacements have been used in patients in the United States.

A metal-on-metal hip replacement uses a ball and socket that are both made out of metal. Other types of hip replacements use a plastic or ceramic device between the ball and socket. All metal-on-metal hip replacement devices are currently

under review by the FDA due to increased failure rates.

The most popular manufacturers and models of these metal-onmetal hip replacements are as follows:

- Smith and Nephew R3
- DePuy ASR
- DePuy Pinnacle Ultamet
- Biomet Magnum
- Zimmer Durom Cup
- Wright Conserve Cup

If you or a loved one has been implanted with a metal-on-metal hip replacement, your doctor may be able to order cobalt and chromium blood testing and/or x-rays to determine if the device is functioning correctly.

If you or a loved one has been implanted with a metal-on-metal hip replacement and now experience pain or other negative symptoms, you may be entitled to compensation. We urge you to contact one of our attorneys today for a free case evaluation.

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- Notes detailing the damage to your vehicle and the other driver's vehicle
- A diagram of the accident
- The Police Officer's name and badge number

Our personal injury team has years of experience fighting for the rights of people suffering from injuries incurred at the hands of negligent individuals. If you or someone you love has been the victim of an accident caused by another, you may be eligible for compensation for your suffering.

Contact us today for a free case review. We're here for you.

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VALENTINE'S DAY IDEAS ANY **BUDGET CAN LOVE**

Valentine's Day is a great opportunity to spend some time with a date or your loved ones. The perfect day doesn't have to cost a fortune. Here are a few affordable ways to have a memorable holidy:

- If you're artsy, you can save by breaking out the art supplies and making a homemade card. It's much more personal and fun to do.
- You can also make a booklet full of "coupons" for things your loved ones appreciates like a special dinner that you cook, an offer to clean the house, or a free massage or foot rub. It's a great way to remind them what they mean to you every time they redeem a coupon.
- Is writing more your style? On fancy stationary, write a poem or list of the top 10 things you love about your signifigant other. Because it's personal, they'll cherish it even more!
- Tech savvy? You can create an online photo book of your favorite photos with your loved ones. Programs like Animoto, FastPencil and Blurb, make it simple to put together.
- Love food? Try cooking up a special breakfast of heart-shaped pancakes or dinner of your date's favorite dish. Check out AllRecipes.com for some tasty ideas.
- Work off the breakfast wih a day outside (weather permitting). Spend the day wandering the shops downtown, take a bike ride or go for a hike. Add a romantic touch by packing a blanket and picnic lunch.
- Wind down and cuddle up with a romantic movie (or any movie of their choice). Redbox and Netflix offer cheap rentals. Make it more romantic by lighting some candles. Don't forget the popcorn!
- Want to really spoil them? Give your busy loved ones a whole day to just relax and unwind. Pamper them with their favorite meals, a warm bubble bath, back rub and some homemade cookies.

OUR CREATIVE CLIENTS: "The Loss of Me"

By Sandra Funk, Hankey Law Client and Friend

I miss the sparkle that used to be in my eyes. The pain has taken that away.

I miss being able to smile and make friends and be a friend. That was before the fear and the pain came.

I miss having control over my own body ... to pick up what I want to pick up, to dance when I want to dance.

I miss being able to talk with others ... to understand what they are saying and to be understood.

I miss being able to wear what I want, read what I want, when I want.

I miss not being able to come and go when I want. I've been reduced to depending on the kindness of others and feeling like a burden.

I mourn the loss of my intelligence, my independence but, more than anything, I mourn the loss of me!

Written 05-18-12

RECIPE: MINT CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

Ingredients:

- 12 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup dark cocoa powder
- 3 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup dark chocolate mint chips; divided use

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line an 8x8 baking pan with parchment and spray with non-stick cooking spray; set aside.

Melt the butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add the sugar and stir well. Remove pan from heat and whisk in the cocoa powder. In a separate bowl, lightly beat the eggs and vanilla. Pour the chocolate mixture into the bowl and whisk until well combined. Gently stir in the flour and salt; do not beat or over mix. Fold in 3/4 cup of the mint chocolate chips.

Pour batter into the baking pan and smooth top with a spatula. Evenly distribute the remaining 1/4 of mint chocolate chips across the top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Cool completely.

THE HANKEY LAW PUZZLER: WINTER EDITION

Take a break and see if you can figure out this winter-themed, Hankey Law Word Search puzzler. Words can go up, down, forward, backwards and diagonally. Good luck!

Word Search

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If you know someone who could benefit from our services or know someone who has referred to us but is not listed above, please contact Megan at mec@hankeylaw.com.

Thank You!



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Contact us if:

- You moved to a new address or changed your phone number
- You received a denial letter
- You went to see a new doctor
- You have been admitted to the hospital
- Your doctor has diagnosed you with a new medical condition
- You had a new test/MRI/X-ray

Additional Resources

Information Referral Network - 317-926-HELP Crisis Line – *317-251-7575* Center Township Trustees (can assist with rent, utilities, takes applications for Food Stamps, TANF, and Medicaid) 863 Massachusetts Avenue – 317-633-3610

Healthy Indiana Plan: low cost insurance for Indiana Families -877-438-4479 | www.hip.in.gov **RX for Indiana:** assistance with prescription drug cost –

877-793-0765 | www.rxforIndiana.org Advantage Program: health care program for uninsured, low-income

Marion County residents – 317-221-2000 | www.hhcorp.org/adv.htm **Div. of Disability & Rehabilitative Services (DDRS)** – 800-545-7763 www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/4938.htm

Damien Center: help for those afflicted by HIV/AIDS -

317-632-0123 | 800-213-1163 | www.damien.org

Indiana Free Clinic Information: low cost or free health care for lowincome or uninsured - www.freeclinicdirectory.org/indiana_care.html

Housing Help:

Indianapolis Resource Center for Independent Living – 317-926-1660 Colonial Park (chronic homeless program) – 317-353-6784 Indianapolis Public Housing Agency (section 8) – 317-261-7200 Barton Center (sleeping rooms - \$278, 2 bedrooms \$500-613) - 317-423-2575

You can apply for Social Security disability benefits by calling 1-800-772-1213, online at www.ssa.gov, or in person at your local office

Indianapolis Area Local Social Security Office Addresses*: West Side: 6745 Network Place - 866-218-2309 **Downtown:** 575 N. Pennsylvania, Suite 685 – *866-931-7057* East Side: 5515 N. Post Rd. - 866-220-7899

*If you live outside of the Indianapolis area, please ask a Case Administrator for the address and phone number to your local social security office.

What I do today is very important. Because I am exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever. Leaving something in its place I have traded for it. I want it to be gain, not loss – good not evil. Success, not failure in order that I shall not forget the price I paid for it. ?? – Anonymous