



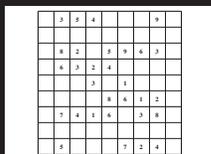
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From our Office

Welcome to the first Hankey Law Office newsletter of 2022! We hope you had a wonderful New Years, and wish you and your loved ones the best in the coming year!

Our office is still handling most matters remotely due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Thankfully, we have the technology available to us to complete all aspects of our legal services without the need for clients to even leave their homes.

The Social Security Administration is still handling most disability applications and hearings remotely as well. Most hearings are being conducted over the phone, and a smaller number of hearings are being conducted via video teleconference. This means that you, your attorney, and the Administrative Law Judge will be on a conference call together, which you can participate in from the comfort and safety of your home.

The Social Security Administration has recently announced that they will soon be starting to conduct a very limited number of hearings in-person again. If this applies to your case, we will notify you right away and prepare you for the requirements the Social Security Administration has in place for attending such hearings.

In our office, we are all eager for the warmer weather to arrive so we can get back out into our community! Our Community Engagement Committee has been hard at work coming up with exciting new projects for us to be involved with this year. Like our Facebook page to follow along with all the events we have planned for 2022!

As always, thank you for allowing us the opportunity to be there for you during these difficult and uncertain times. We deeply value the trust that you have placed in our firm and are here for you when you need us!

*-Charles,
Ashley & Stacy*





Is Your Apartment Complex Liable for Personal Injuries?

An apartment building can be the perfect place to call home. But who is to blame when an accident that occurs in an apartment complex results in personal injury?

What Responsibilities Does the Property Owner or Landlord Have?

A property owner or landlord has several duties regarding the basic upkeep of the apartment building and surrounding common areas. They must keep the complex, common areas, and playgrounds safe for tenants and visitors. Failure to do so may result in a personal injury lawsuit. Premises liability law requires that the property owner efficiently maintain the entryways, hallways, and staircases so that they are all safe for use. Landlords are also responsible for maintaining the walls, floors, and any fixtures that come in a rented unit. Tenants are responsible for paying their rent on time and for everything they own inside of the apartment, such as furniture.

Common Apartment Accidents

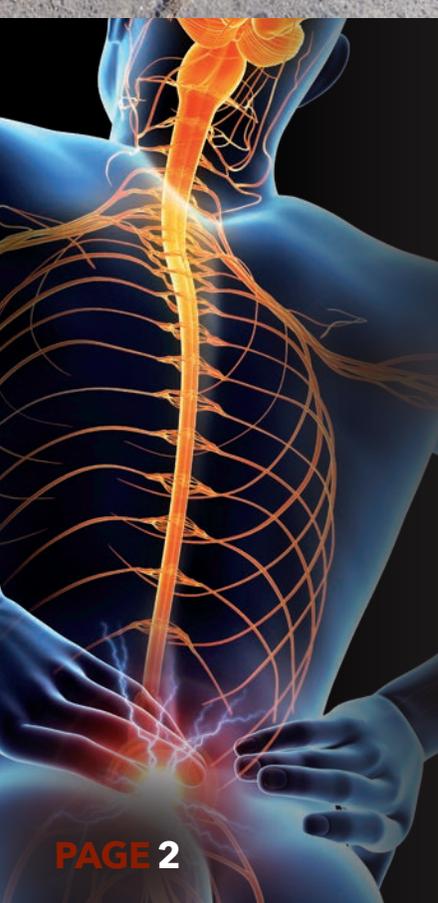
Slip and Falls: Poor maintenance or lighting can cause dangerous conditions, especially in parking lots, hallways, and staircases.

Swimming Pool Accidents: If an apartment complex offers a swimming pool, the pool and the surrounding areas must be properly maintained and be enclosed with a secure fence.

Inefficient Ice and Snow Removal: In colder areas of the country, snow and ice can create hazardous conditions in apartment parking lots and sidewalks. Poor maintenance practices following a storm could lead to injuries.

How an Attorney Can Help You Win Your Case

If you were involved in an apartment accident, you may be wondering what steps to take next. An experienced personal injury lawyer can help you navigate the legal process and advocate on your behalf. If you need help filing a personal injury lawsuit against a landlord or property owner, call our office, we are here to help. Our consultations are always free, and we are only paid when we win your case.



Can an Auto Accident Cause Nerve Damage?

Many victims of automotive accidents can suffer from noticeable injuries, including broken bones, cuts, and bruises. Others can experience damage that is not visible to the naked eye. If you've recently been involved in a car collision and are experiencing numbness or tingling, you might have nerve damage from the crash. Several different types of injuries resulting from an auto accident may lead to nerve damage. These include:

Herniated or Slipped Disc: You can experience a herniated or slipped disc in your back or neck if your body is violently jostled or twisted in a car accident.

Whiplash: This is the most common type of injury resulting from a car collision.

Pinched Nerve: A pinched nerve can be caused by inflammation, a herniated disc, or whiplash.

Symptoms of Nerve Damage

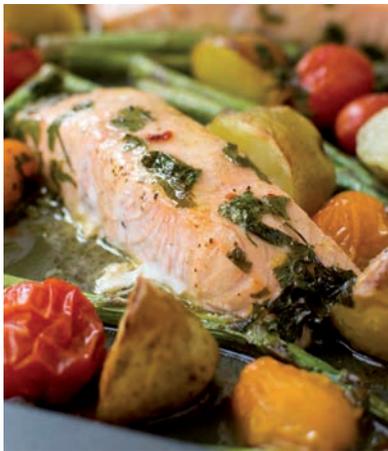
If you experience any of these symptoms after a car crash, you might have nerve damage:

- ▶ Radiating pain
- ▶ Sensations of "pins and needles"
- ▶ Tingling
- ▶ Muscle weakness
- ▶ Muscle spasms
- ▶ Burning sensations

Talk to your doctor immediately. If caught early, nerve damage can be effectively treated. If you suffered nerve damage because of a car crash, you could be entitled to compensation to cover your medical expenses. Contact a lawyer today.

Sudoku

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	8	2		5	9	6	3	
	6	3	2	4				
			3		1			
				8	6	1	2	
	7	4	1	6		3	8	
	5				7	2	4	



One-pan salmon with roasted asparagus

Ingredients

- Potatoes
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 8 asparagus spears, trimmed and halved
- 2 handfuls cherry tomatoes
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 2 salmon fillets
- Handful basil leaves

Instructions

Step 1: Heat oven to 425 degrees. Cube the potatoes and 1 tbsp of olive oil into an ovenproof dish, then roast the potatoes for 20 mins until starting to brown. Toss the asparagus in with the potatoes, then return to the oven for 15 mins.

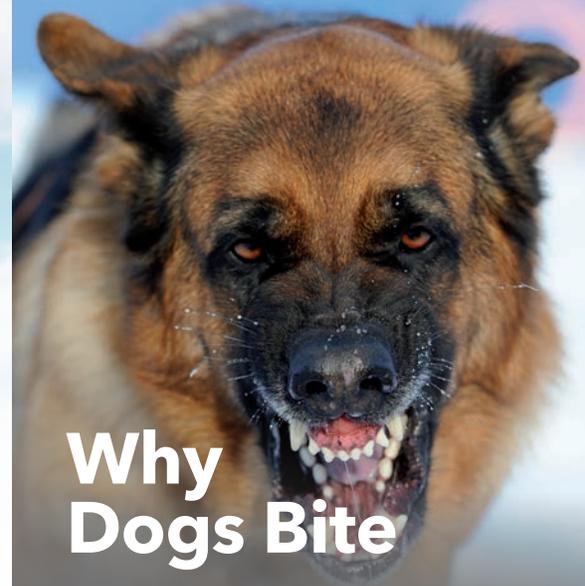
Step 2: Throw in the cherry tomatoes and vinegar and nestle the salmon amongst the vegetables. Drizzle with the remaining oil and return to the oven for a final 10-15 mins until the salmon is cooked. Sprinkle with basil.

Prep: 20 mins **Difficulty:** Easy

Cook: 50 mins **Servings:** 2

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Why Dogs Bite

One of the best ways to avoid a dog bite is to understand why a dog might bite in the first place. Most dogs are not aggressive and would not bite a person for no reason. The list below contains some of the most common reasons a dog will bite a person.

- 1. Fear** – If a dog is scared or has been startled, it may respond by biting. A dog that is on edge will not want to be approached too quickly by a stranger either.
- 2. Pain** – No creature likes pain. If a dog is hurt or feeling ill, it may react more aggressively than usual.
- 3. Possessiveness** – Have you heard the one about a dog and its bone? Dogs will defend property, friends, and possessions. Oftentimes with their teeth.
- 4. Maternal instincts** – Never mess with a Momma's puppies. Mothers are naturally protective of their children, and may respond more aggressively than usual.
- 5. Predator instincts** – Dogs are natural born predators. In the wild, their ancestors hunted for food. Sometimes, a domesticated dog will be triggered by something like a jogger or bicycle rider and go into predator mode.

Knowing why a dog might bite allows us to know what to do to minimize the chances of being bitten. We should never approach a dog we are unfamiliar with. If you see a dog with their owner, always ask before petting. Always allow the dog to see and smell you before touching it. Don't attempt to interact with a dog while it is eating or sleeping. Don't tease, scream at, or run from a strange dog. Finally, avoid eye contact with a dog you don't know. Even with dogs you are familiar with, be cautious when they are in pain or scared. If all this fails and you or a loved one suffers a dog bite injury, contact our office for a free consultation.

Referrals

The greatest compliment we can receive is the referral of a family member or friend.



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Practice Areas

With 80 years of combined experience, both in and out of the courtroom, the legal professionals of the Hankey Law Office can resolve cases involving:

Disability Claims (SSDI/SSI)
Federal Court Appeals
Long Term Disability
Short Term Disability
ERISA Litigation
Personal Injury

Car Accidents
Truck Accidents
Motorcycle Accidents
Bicycle Accidents
Railroad Crossing/ Train Accidents
Highway Defects

Dangerous Drugs and Devices
Premises Liability
Product Liability
Brain/Head Injuries
Spinal Injuries
Dog Bites /Animal Attacks



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Employees of the Month

We wanted to recognize our recent employees of the month: John and Lynne!



John has worked at our office for several years and is our resident Law Clerk. He is someone you can always count on to lend a hand, and we always appreciate his good-natured sarcastic sense of humor.



Lynne works with clients and is a rockstar when it comes to communicating with the Social Security Administration. She shows up to work every day with a smile and a great attitude, and we are so glad to have her with us!

These are just a few examples of the wonderful team members at the Hankey Law Office who help make all of the moving parts of a case flow smoothly. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated team!