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Accident Reconstruction Specialists Play a Critical Role

Auto accident reconstruction specialists are qualified to investigate and analyze evidence at accident scenes to determine the cause of a crash and the events leading up to it. They typically have a background in engineering or affiliated science and are well-versed in utilizing technology (computer-generated scale diagrams or animation) to present their findings.

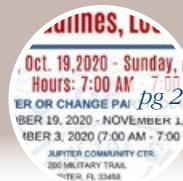
An accident reconstruction specialist is essential when evidence is incomplete or missing in cases of personal injury or death. Some of their tasks include:

- Inspecting the accident scene and assessing damage to vehicles and surrounding objects (e.g., trees, poles, buildings, pavement, etc.).
- Reviewing medical records, studying police reports, interviewing witnesses, and checking for potential unaddressed safety recalls.
- Examining surveillance footage and photos.
- Studying debris, point of impact, tire marks (antilock brake systems may preclude skid marks, but tire marks can still be detected by an expert), position of road signs/signals, and identifying potential visibility issues.
- Analyzing all physics-related information, such as speed, acceleration, deceleration, steering angles, force of impact, etc. An event data recorder ("black box"), required on all new cars sold in the United States since 2014, offers valuable assistance.
- Determining the driver, if that was in dispute (e.g., vehicle ejections or drivers who attempt the old switcheroo if they were driving illegally).



An auto accident reconstruction specialist can play a pivotal role in determining the cause of and liability for an auto accident, and overcoming hazy memories, conflicting versions of events, and reluctant (or nonexistent) witnesses. In turn, claimants can achieve optimum settlements or verdicts.

If you are injured in an auto accident due to another party's negligence, contact our office to protect your rights. •



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Monday, Oct. 19, 2020 - Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020
Hours: 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

DEADLINE TO REGISTER OR CHANGE PARTY: OCTOBER 5, 2020

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‘The World’s Largest Store’ (Until 2009) Needs a Parade



The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade debuted in New York City in 1924 to celebrate the expansion of Macy's flagship Manhattan store. Macy's employees teamed up with professional entertainers, live animals from the Central Park Zoo, and floats (pulled by horses until 1939) to delight onlookers with a P. T. Barnum-like spectacle.

The parade was known as the Macy's Christmas Parade from 1924 through 1926, even though it was held on Thanksgiving (it's enough to give a holiday an inferiority complex). True, the parade's guest of honor and grand finale was/is Santa Claus, who ushers in the Christmas season, but it was nevertheless audacious!

The famous Macy's balloons joined the fun in 1927. Though a highlight, they've been a source of occasional commotion over the years ... some comical, some serious. Felix the Cat struck electric wires and burst into flames in 1931. In 1957, Popeye accumulated rainwater in his hat; when he tipped forward, water cascaded from said hat, drenching spectators. Even Superman once lost an arm to tree branches.

And ... the wind. In 1997, one wind-tossed balloon snapped a lamppost that injured four people, and an out-of-control Pink Panther nearly smothered a few balloon handlers. New York City promptly instituted new regulations: Each balloon flies at a height dictated by its size and wind conditions; if sustained wind speed exceeds 23 mph or gusts exceed 34 mph, the balloons are grounded.

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is not the oldest in the country — that distinction goes to the Gimbel's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia (now the 6abc Dunkin' Donuts Thanksgiving Day Parade) — but it's the most famous.

Have yourselves a merry little Thanksgiving! •



Zipping Through Autumn's Splendor

Zip-lining is surging in popularity. According to the Association for Challenge Course Technology, over 18 million thrill seekers zip-line through (and above) nature each year, beholding incredible views and experiencing a sense of flying — at 30 to 60 mph.

Zip-lining can be an adrenaline rush but also needlessly hazardous. Currently, there are no federal safety standards for commercial zip lines, and only a few states have adopted zip-line regulations. It's essentially a "buyer beware" situation at many locations. (It's even more precarious with private groups who operate zip lines, or operators in other countries.)

Poor staff training may lead to operators failing to properly secure riders or detect frayed safety straps, broken clips, worn cables, or faulty railings, which can jeopardize riders' well-being. Zip lines should undergo an annual inspection conducted by a certified professional. Damaged parts need to be replaced, and harnesses, helmets, and other safety equipment should be in tip-top shape.

In 2015, the *American Journal of Emergency Medicine* published a zip-line study spanning 1997 through 2012. Nearly 17,000 zip-line injuries — 3,600 in 2012 alone — required an emergency-room visit and/or hospitalization. Fractures and upper-body injuries led the way, but traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, and deaths registered as well. Roughly 77 percent of injuries occurred due to falls from the zip line or the platform. Braking malfunctions and lack of rider instruction contributed, too.

When commercial zip-line companies do it right, zip-lining can be a safe and exciting adventure. When they don't, patrons are at risk — at high speed, daunting elevation, and with dangerous landing spots.

If you or a family member incurs a zip-lining injury due to someone's negligence, contact our office to protect your rights. •

November 2020 Notable Dates

Nov. 3 — Use Your Common Sense Day	Nov. 4 — Check Your Blood Pressure Day	
Nov. 6 — Saxophone Day	Nov. 13 — Caregiver Appreciation Day	Nov. 17 — Take a Hike Day
Nov. 23 — National Cashew Day		
Nov. 25 — National Parfait Day		

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If You've Taken Zantac in the Past ...

Zantac (ranitidine) has been a popular drug used to combat gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and stomach ulcers since the 1980s. Millions of people have taken it in prescription and over-the-counter forms. In fact, Zantac became the first drug to reach \$1 billion in annual sales in the United States.

Ranitidine did an excellent job in curbing GERD; however, it recently came to light that it may have greatly elevated the risk of various forms of cancer — a side effect that patients, physicians, and consumers were not aware of.

Ranitidine hydrochloride is the active ingredient in Zantac, and its molecules are inherently unstable. It is believed that when a person ingests a Zantac tablet (or a generic version), the subsequent chemical reaction produces the byproduct NDMA (N-nitrosodimethylamine), which can be highly toxic to the liver and is a known cancer-causing agent in lab animals. (Recent blood pressure medication recalls have spotlighted NDMA as well.)

In September 2019, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a safety warning about Zantac's possible cancer risk. Many top retailers pulled their products from their shelves voluntarily. In April 2020, the FDA requested that all companies do the same after finding unacceptable amounts of NDMA in ranitidine. "Unacceptable" is anything above the 96 nanograms that the body can safely handle per day (a nanogram is one-billionth of a gram).

Thankfully, those who suffer from GERD have other medication options to treat the condition that don't contain (or produce) NDMA.

If you or a family member suspects they have suffered harm from taking Zantac/ranitidine, promptly contact our office for a consultation. •

