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THANKSGIVING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, and many people have planned a great and delicious dinner to eat with their family and close friends. Oftentimes, people run late to Thanksgiving and then get into accidents. Accidents can vary in severity, so it's best to avoid them. Unfortunately, it's not so easy. You can, however, decrease your chances of being involved in one. Here are a few tips on how you can stay safe during Thanksgiving.

Drive the Speed Limit

Time is always of the essence. If you're like most people, chances are you'll be running late to Thanksgiving dinner for one reason or another. You may feel like you have to rush to get to your destination and you'll press on the gas pedal a little harder so you can cut down on time.

Whether you're on your way to the store to buy a last-minute dessert or on your way to the home where you'll meet your family, it is important to drive the speed limit.

When you're in a rush, and the adrenaline is coursing through your veins, it's difficult to be aware of your surroundings. You may miss a stop sign, a traffic light, or other road obstacle and get into an accident.

Now, not only will you be late to Thanksgiving, you're going to have to deal with insurance companies for the next couple of weeks – and that estimate applies only if damages were minimal.

Watch Your Step

You rushed to the grocery store to pick up the cranberry sauce you told your mother you got weeks in advance to avoid rushing to the grocery store at the last minute. In your rush, you fail to see a slip and fall sign and you slip on the slippery surface. Or you don't see a crack in the parking lot and trip and fall flat on your face – breaking your nose and teeth. You suffer severe injuries and have to go to the hospital to receive medical treatment.

When you are in a rush, your mind is all over the place and you often miss things that are right under your nose.

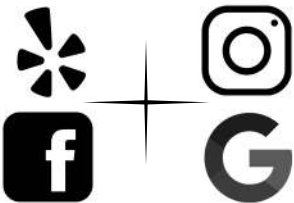
If the store didn't have a wet floor sign, however, you may be entitled to receive compensation for your injuries. Likewise, a business must maintain its parking clear of any obstructions like cracks, pot holes, and other such things.

Don't Drink and Drive

It's not rare to have a glass or seven of fine red wine during Thanksgiving. If you will be drinking, make sure that you have a plan to get home. Whether it's ridesharing, designated driver, or public transportation, you need to make sure that you won't be behind a wheel if you drink.

Drunk driving is incredibly dangerous and selfish. Not only do you put your own life at risk, but you endanger the lives of others as a result.

If you get involved in any of these accidents, be sure to give our law firm a call. Accidents are unpredictable, but our record isn't. We'll get you the compensation you deserve. ♦ ♦ ♦



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SUMMERS IN LA CAN BE RUTHLESS. Temperatures soar to the 100s and cause heatwaves strong enough to send people to the hospital. Warm temperatures can be the perfect breeding ground for some insects like bed bugs. When winter rolls around, people assume that the cold temperatures will kill all bugs, and while some insects do fall to the temperatures of LA winter, not all do. Bed bugs are active all year. One reason for this is that most people turn on their heating system to keep their home nice and warm against the outdoor temperatures. As a result, not only are the people comfortable, but the critters in their home hardly even notice the seasonal change.

In order for the cold to effectively kill bed bugs, they must be exposed to -16°C (3.2°F) for 80 hours (3.33 days). Temperatures in Los Angeles simply don't reach that temperature and so it goes without saying that bed bugs can and will survive any winter in Los Angeles for the foreseeable future.

So how can you keep bed bugs away from festering in your mattress? It's always good practice to wash your clothes and suitcase when you return from a vacation. Even if your room was clean, another suitcase's bed bugs could've crawled onto yours.

When you stay at a hotel, make sure to inspect the mattress before you sleep on it. Bed bugs can hide well, but they're not invisible. They're about the size of an apple seed and have a red/brown/copper color.

If you got bed bugs, you may be eligible to file a lawsuit and receive compensation for your damages. ♦ ♦ ♦



Can You Sue a Hotel for Bed Bug Bites?



When you stay at a hotel, the very last thing you expect to find in your mattress are bed bugs. Bed bugs are tiny insects that feed on our blood and leave welts that can not only be incredibly itchy, but painful as well. Medical treatment is often required of such painful welts, and the medical bills associated with bed bug bites can be incredibly costly. If the hotel's negligence is to blame, then you have the right to file a lawsuit to recover compensation for your damages. Here's the process you should follow after you find bed bugs:

- 1) **Take photographic evidence.** Every good case needs evidence, and photographic evidence is the best there is. Take pictures of the bed bugs and of your bed bug bites. You may also want to record the room number, and anything else you feel is pertinent to your case.
- 2) **Visit the doctor's office.** Bed bug bites can be nasty injuries. Apart from being painful, they can result in bacterial or viral infections. It's important that you receive the proper treatment for your injuries – it strengthens your case.
- 3) **Contact the local Health Department.** You want to contact the local health department because you want them to inspect the room and write a report. A legal report helps your case immensely.
- 4) **Notify the hotel manager.** The reason we put notifying the hotel manager fourth is because we've seen so many people lose credibility on their case when they alert hotel staff first. Hotel managers quickly rush to exterminate the bed bugs. When the health inspector comes to heck out the room, they have nothing to find.
- 5) **Don't accept any complimentary offers.** Don't accept any complimentary things from the hotel. They could claim you've already been compensated, and it may affect your overall compensation.
- 6) **Seek out experienced legal counsel.** In order to help build your case against a hotel, you need experienced bed bug attorneys. Proving a hotel's negligence can be incredibly difficult and only seasoned lawyers can help you. Contact our law firm today. ♦ ♦ ♦

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BlaBlaCar is the latest rideshare company to hit the streets – though it prefers the term “carpooling platform.” Its mission is to make travel social, save people money, and be more efficient than its competitors.

One of its main goals is make travel a social experience, and it believes that carpooling is a great way to enable exchanges between people who would’ve never met otherwise.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU GET INTO AN ACCIDENT?

Tens of thousands of car accident occur every single day in the USA. Most of them are due to human error, whether it be texting, talking, tuning the radio, and other such driving-related activities. Rideshare accidents happen, too, and BlaBlaCar is certainly no exception. When you get into an accident with BlaBlaCar, you are entitled to compensation for the damages incurred. BlaBlaCar owes its customers a duty of care and when that care is breached, like in a car accident, for example, their customers have access to their insurance policy.

Because BlaBlaCar focuses on carpooling, accidents can happen in other ways. Assault is a very real risk for anyone who gets in a BlaBlaCar. The person with whom you’re riding could have a fit of anger and physically assault you.

In this case, BlaBlaCar’s insurance policy is still available to you. You need to seek the proper medical treatment, and get the right legal counsel in order to get the necessary compensation you deserve for your bodily injuries.

What to Do When You Get Into an Accident?

- 1) **Call 911.** If you are able to, the first thing you should do is call 911. You can file a police report which will help strengthen your case.
- 2) **Take pictures and record evidence.** If you are able to, you’ll want to photograph the accident. Take pictures of the damages to both cars, and of your bodily injuries. Take pictures of the driver’s license plate, driver’s license, and insurance information.
- 3) **Seek immediate medical assistance.** Often, pain from a car accident does not manifest until a few days after the accident. To be on the safe side, it is important that you visit the doctor to get checked out.
- 4) **Get legal help.** In order to best get you compensation, you need the help of an experienced legal team. Our experienced rideshare lawyers can get you the compensation you deserve.

Contact our experienced BlaBlaCar lawyers today. ♦ ♦ ♦



Ask an Attorney

with Sal Hendizadeh, Esq. Attorney at Law

Q: I was beat up in a rideshare carpooling vehicle, what should I do?

A: All rideshare companies owe their customers a duty of care. A duty of care means that it must adhere to a standard of reasonable care while performing any acts that could foreseeably harm others. In other words, if you are harmed while under care of any rideshare vehicle, you could file a lawsuit to fight for compensation for your damages. This duty of care applies not only if you are involved in a car accident with one of their vehicles, but also for assault. If the driver or another passenger assaults you while you are in the rideshare vehicle, then that means that the rideshare company has violated their duty of care to you and you can file a lawsuit against them. The amount of compensation you can recover depends on the damages you received, along with other factors.



Q: What should I do if I was hit by a rideshare vehicle as I was crossing the street?

A: The last thing you want to experience while you cross the street is the powerful impact of a car. Unfortunately, getting hit by a car is fairly common and almost always due to human error. If you were hit by a car, you need to call 911. If your injuries are severe request an ambulance. If, however, your injuries do not require emergency medical treatment, take pictures of the accident, of the license plate, driver's license, and insurance information. Then, contact our law firm. We can help you get the compensation you need for the damages you incurred. ♦ ♦ ♦

Most Recent 2018 Settlements



\$500,000
Our client was hit by a rideshare vehicle, she came to us to get the necessary compensation. We fought valiantly, and got her the settlement we know she rightfully deserves.



\$610,000
Rideshare accidents can be incredibly detrimental to your health. Our client is thankfully back on his feet. We hope our hard work can help him overcome the challenges he had to face during his recovery.

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