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FREE INSTANT

Discover the secrets insurance companies don't want you to know.

Get Max's book **The Ultimate Guide to Bicycle Accident Cases in Washington:** Bicycle Accident Secrets Unlocked.

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It's not too LATE

Sign up for our FREE Motorcycle Crash Scene Safety Course

on Saturday, May 6th, sponsored by Max Meyers Law.

Riding season is just around the corner. Are you prepared? Join us for our **FREE Motorcycle Crash Scene Safety Course** hosted by **Rick Wallace** on **Saturday, May 6th** from **9:30am – 12:30pm** at **Renton Technical College** in Renton, Washington.

WHAT WILL BE COVERED?

SCENE SAFETY

- Legal considerations
- How to protect ourselves at the scene
- Equipment Scene Safety Kit Trauma Care Kit
- Scene Tasks
- Communications

TRAUMA CARE

- Mechanisms of injury
- Verbal First Aid
- Triage of downed rider(s) to prioritize care
- Head-to-toe exam to find all injuries
- Patient handling
- Assisting EMS on arrival

PREPARING TO RESUME YOUR RIDE

SCENARIO DRILLS

- Multiple scenarios to enable all attendees to practice skills in the roles of scene leader, scene safety, patient care, and victim
- Goal is to develop confidence and an understanding of what is involved in dealing with a motorcycle crash scene



APRIL 2017

This is a participatory event - to get the most out of it bring your riding gear and first aid kit.



Our host: Rick Wallace

If you would like to join us for this FREE safety course, please email Dawn at dawn@maxmeyerslaw.com to reserve your spot!

Space is limited and will fill up fast! We look forward to seeing you there!



Insurance Rates **RISING** for FAULT FREE Drivers?



WHEN A DRIVER CAUSES A CAR WRECK, it is common knowledge that his/her insurance rates will likely increase. However, according to a report by consumer group **Consumer Federation of America (CFA)**, drivers might see their insurance premiums rise even if they are **not at-fault** for a crash.

WHAT DID THE REPORT FIND?

Researchers analyzed insurance premium quotes in ten large cities. The results show that Queens, NY drivers see the biggest premium increase among all cities with a \$401 increase. Baltimore, MD comes in second with a \$258 increase. A close third is Minneapolis, MN with a \$213 increase.

While some drivers might see a \$400 increase, some drivers will not see an increase at all. **California and Oklahoma have laws in place that prevent insurers from increasing premiums for non-fault drivers**. Washington should follow California and Oklahoma in our opinion - a new law protecting fault free drivers is needed!

The report also found that location is not the only factor that determines how much of an increase you will see after a wreck for which you were not at-fault. The lower the driver's income level, the higher the increase in his/her premium. **CFA found that higher income drivers are likely to see an 8.3 percent premium increase,** while moderate income drivers might see a 12.1 percent premium increase.

NOT ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT THE SAME.

CFA tested five major insurance companies: State Farm, Allstate, Farmers, GEICO, and Progressive. **State Farm is the only company of the five that does not increase premiums for non-at-fault drivers.** On the other hand, **Progressive customers that do not live in California or Oklahoma, pay a 16.6 percent penalty for accidents that are not their fault.**

INSURANCE INDUSTRY FIGHTS CFA STUDY RESULTS.

Some groups in the insurance industry claim that the CFA study is not completely accurate and that there are reasons for this premium increase. The **Property Casualty Insurer's Association of America** (PCI) says that drivers who have been in a wreck are more likely to be in a wreck in the future, regardless of who was at-fault. **Sounds like some serious BS to us!**

PCI also reported that the high income and moderate income drivers used in the study did not have the same prior insurance status. It maintains that prior insurance status is another solid predictor of future wrecks.

According to PCI, driving experience, type of vehicle, previous claims, and other factors are also used to determine the price of a driver's insurance. Another important point was that determining who the at-fault party is can be difficult after a wreck.

As unfair as it may seem, drivers in many states are paying the price for wrecks they did not cause. Do not let another driver increase your insurance premiums and leave you paying for your own injuries after a wreck.

If you or a loved one was injured in a wreck caused by another driver's negligence, discuss your legal options with us at Max Meyers Law. Call **425.276.7804** to discuss your car wreck claim today.

Max Meyers Law Welcomes Our Newest Team Member!



We are excited to announce that the Max Meyers Law family has a new team member!

lan McLean joined our team at the end of February as our new Legal Assistant.

lan is currently enrolled in the Edmonds Community College Paralegal program. He received his B.A. from Seattle University where he studied Political Science.

In his free time, Ian enjoys playing the sport of curling in the winter, and golfing in the summer. He also enjoys playing fiddle, and spending time with his two dogs, Odin and Tobey.



Caramelized Ham and Swiss Buns

Shelly's RECIPE CORNER

My mom made this recipe over the holidays and it was delicious. If you have ham leftover from Easter you may want to give this a try!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package (12 ounces) Hawaiian sweet rolls, split
- ¹/₂ cup horseradish sauce
- 12 slices deli ham
- 6 slices Swiss cheese, halved
- ¹/₂ cup butter, cubed
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon spicy brown mustard
- 2 teaspoons poppy seeds
- 1 ½ teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder



DIRECTIONS

Spread roll bottoms with horseradish sauce. Layer with ham and cheese; replace tops. Arrange in a single layer in a greased 9 inch square backing pan.

In a small skillet, heat butter over medium-high heat. Add onion; cook and stir 1-2 minutes or until tender. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour over rolls. Refrigerate, covered, several hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake, covered, 25 minutes. Bake, uncovered, 5-10 minutes longer or until golden brown.

April events calendar

UFO Show APRIL 1

Burien UFO Festival features flying saucers, alien costume contests, kids' activities, films, and live music in and near the Tin Room Bar. Free.

Visit www.facebook.com/BurienUFOFestival/ for more details.

Vegetarian Food Festival APRIL 1-2

Taste samples, see cooking demonstrations, and browse cookbooks at Vegfest in Exhibition Hall at Seattle Center.

Visit https://vegofwa.org/vegfest/ for more details.

Daffodil Parade APRIL 8

The free Daffodil Parade includes daffodil-covered floats, marching bands, clowns, and pirates that travel through Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner, and Orting. It's the highlight of the Daffodil Festival.

Visit http://thedaffodilfestival.org/events/daffodil-parade/ for details and schedule.

Anacortes Spring Wine Festival APRIL 8

Your ticket to Anacortes Spring Wine Festival includes tastes from 30 wineries, food from 8 restaurants, and entertainment on the waterfront.

For details visit, http://anacortes.org/spring-wine-festival/.

Hawaiian Festival APRIL 15

Aha Mele Hawaiian Festival has music, hula, vendors, a lunch, and workshops at Chief Leschi Schools.

For more information and event details visit: www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=10157962024 955122&id=299184485121/.

World Class Crab Races & Crab Feed APRIL 15 - 16

Watch crabs race and eat crab at the World Class Crab Races and Crab Feed in Westport.

Visit http://westportgrayland-chamber.org/calendar.php.

Spring Fair APRIL 20 - 23

Features baby animals, pig races, fair food, rides, a garden show, and a demolition derby at the Puyallup Fair and Events Center.

Details can be found at **www.thefair.com/spring-fair**.

Bacon & Beer Classic APRIL 29

Adults enjoy craft beer, bacon-inspired tastes from local restaurants, live music, dancing, and interactive games at Bacon and Beer Classic at Safeco Field.

Visit www.baconandbeerclassic.com/ for details.





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