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## BLACK THURSDAY is January 17th at the Capitol in Olympia



Black Thursday is a yearly event in January where motorcycle enthusiasts across Washington state ride to Olympia and meet with legislators to discuss motorcycle riding issue.

This event is a time for the motorcycle community to come together and protect the right to ride and fight for common ground motorcycling issues. This event was originally organized by ABATE of Washington, which is a non-profit organization whose main purpose is upholding citizen's Rights as they apply to Motorcyclists. Black Thursday is a day where riders unite at the Washington State Capitol in Olympia to speak directly to our elected politicians regarding legislative issues pertaining to motorcyclists.

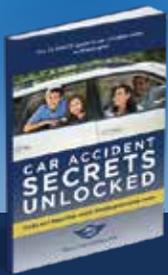
For more information, please visit the ABATE of Washington website at: [www.abate-wa.org](http://www.abate-wa.org).

# WE'VE MOVED

We are all moved and settling in nicely to our new office! You can now find us at our new location:

**11714 North Creek Pkwy N., Suite 125 Bothell, WA 98011**

Please update your records and keep a look out for our Open House invitation in early 2019. The MML Team is looking forward to another wonderful year and wish you all the best in 2019!



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## What people are saying ABOUT MML

**Outstanding Lawyer!!**

**5.0 stars**

Posted by Loretta

Max Meyers is not only an outstanding lawyer, but a caring & genuine person! He handled everything (all the details). He made this experience almost completely stress free! Max worked hard at negotiating & I actually was awarded three times the amount I was expecting! I love this guy!

**Awesome Attorney!**

**5.0 stars**

Posted by Carol

It is never easy being in a car accident and especially when it is not your fault. Dealing with your own insurance company, the other driver's insurance company, plus doctor and physical therapy visits can be a bit overwhelming and stressful.

Luckily for me, I had Max Meyers and his wonderful staff to help me with all of this so my focus could



be on healing and feeling better. Max truly cares about you, listens to you, and works hard to provide you with the best legal representation possible.

He is an attorney you can trust and he will be honest with you. I found Max to be very professional, extremely knowledgeable, and so easy to talk with throughout the entire process. Max negotiated an outstanding settlement for me which was definitely more than if I had tried to work with the insurance companies myself.

When I have recommended Max to my family and friends, they have all thanked me because their experiences with Max have also been excellent. Max is the only attorney I would go to in the future because he is the best out there!

# Car Accidents in the Snow:

## WHO IS LIABLE?



Someone else could be responsible for your damages if you were in a car crash in snowy weather. Do not assume that you are stuck with your losses just because bad weather may have been a factor in the accident. At Max Meyers Law, our team can help you determine who is liable for your weather-related crash.

### WHEN IS SOMEONE ELSE LIABLE FOR MY SINGLE-CAR ACCIDENT IN THE SNOW?

Even if your car is the only one that was wrecked, others can be at fault. Here are some examples where this might apply:

#### ANOTHER MOTORIST DROVE TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS

Imagine, for example, that you were driving your car with appropriate caution for the circumstances, but someone else was operating their vehicle too fast for the snowy road. If that driver lost control and caused your crash, they could be responsible for your damages.

#### SNOW BUILD-UP OBSTRUCTED YOUR VISION

If snow build-up on a large car or truck comes loose and obstructs your vision, causing your wreck, the driver of the other vehicle could be liable.

#### THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DID NOT MAINTAIN THE ROADS SAFELY

If snow or black ice caused your crash, the local government in charge of maintaining the roadways could be at fault. If, for example, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) knew about a patch of black ice for several days—but did nothing to de-ice the roadway—and you were in a single-car crash, you could have a claim against the state.

#### WHO IS LIABLE IN A MULTI-CAR ACCIDENT ON SNOWY ROADS?

If another driver operated their vehicle recklessly and this contributed to the accident, they will bear responsibility for at least some of the damages. Other drivers can also be at fault in snowy crashes even if they were driving in a manner one would consider prudent in clear weather with dry roads.

Here are some examples of situations in which another driver could be liable for your multi-car accident in the snow:

#### ANOTHER DRIVER WAS TAILGATING

If the driver behind you was following too closely and could not stop in time to avoid hitting your car, they could be held responsible

for their tailgating. State law defines tailgating as following too closely behind another vehicle after you factor in:

- The speed at which the cars are traveling
- Traffic
- Road conditions

If the driver was following too closely for ordinary conditions, they will be liable. They also can be guilty of tailgating if they did not lag back further than usually required because of the snowy road.

#### ANOTHER DRIVER WAS SPEEDING

If another driver caused an accident while exceeding the speed limit, they could have to pay damages to the crash victims. They can also be guilty of speeding even if they were driving below the posted speed limit, but too fast for the weather and road conditions.

#### A MOTORIST IGNORED MAINTENANCE OR UPKEEP ON THEIR VEHICLE

If another driver failed to maintain their car in a safe condition, they could be liable for any accidents that occur as a result. For instance, if the at-fault driver's car had bald tires or worn-out brake pads, which prevented them from stopping in time, they could be at fault for the wreck.

#### A LOCAL BUSINESS OR ANOTHER ENTITY CREATED AN UNSAFE CONDITION

If a roadside business drained a water tank over the road and created a patch of black ice, the owner or manager could be responsible for any collisions that occur at that location.

#### HOW CAN AN ATTORNEY DETERMINE WHO CAUSED THE COLLISION?

Whether it was a one-car or a multi-car crash, we will get the police report on the accident. The report should contain extra details about the inclement weather, road conditions, and how all the drivers handled themselves under the circumstances.

Our car accident team will conduct an investigation of the wreck, visit the scene, and talk with witnesses. If we need to, we will work with experts in accident reconstruction to show what caused the crash. We pull all the evidence together to prove the other driver's negligence.

Be warned accident claims against governments can be difficult and expensive. It's

imperative evidence of the road conditions at the time of the accident is collected. Better yet, is dash cam video of how the crash happened. You must take photos at the scene of the wreck from all angles for any lawyer to have a chance in such a case for failure to maintain the roadway properly in snowy conditions. Additionally, your injuries must be very serious due to the expense of these cases.

#### WHAT HAPPENS IF NO ONE WAS AT FAULT?

Sometimes, law enforcement officers decide that all the drivers were operating their vehicles in a reasonable and prudent manner for the circumstances, and they do not charge anyone with causing the wreck. When this result happens, each driver must look to their own insurance to cover damages.

We realize, however, that officers are human and they can make mistakes. If we can find evidence that someone else was at fault for your snowy weather accident, we will seek damages from that person. With our years of experience handling accident claims, we know how to obtain evidence proving fault.

#### WHAT IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON WAS NEGLIGENT?

If more than one party caused your crash, they will both be responsible for your damages.

For example, imagine a speeding driver hit a patch of black ice on the snowy road from a business that drained the water tank. You were in the path when the speeding driver went out of control. Although you reduced your speed for the weather and road conditions, there was no time to avoid getting struck by the speeder's car. In this case, both the business and the speeding driver would be at fault for your wreck.

#### WHAT HAPPENS IF I WAS ALSO AT FAULT?

If you were also at fault, Washington's comparative negligence laws allow the judge to reduce the amount of your compensation in proportion to your negligence.

For example, in the above scenario, imagine that you did not have time to avoid the collision because you were paying attention to a driving distraction instead of the road. If the judge decides that your negligence was 10 percent responsible for the accident, they can lower how much money you receive for your losses. If your damages were \$50,000, you would only receive \$45,000.

#### HOW CAN I TALK TO A CAR ACCIDENT LAWYER ABOUT MY CRASH?

The legal team at Max Meyers Law can help you determine who caused your snowy weather car accident. Give us a call today at **425-276-7804** for your complimentary consultation with no obligation.

# January Events

## PUYALLUP HOME & GARDEN SHOW JAN 4 - 6

Get help for your home and garden at Puyallup Home & Garden Show at the Washington State Fair Events Center in Puyallup.

Visit [www.puyalluphomeshow.net](http://www.puyalluphomeshow.net) for more details.

## WINTER RUN JAN 5

Worst Day of the Year Run is a 5K/10K winter run with a costume contest and an indoor finish line party with food and a beer garden at McMenamins Anderson School in Bothell.

Visit [eventsbyaxiom.com/worstdayrun-wa/](http://eventsbyaxiom.com/worstdayrun-wa/) for more details.

## MONSTER TRUCKS JAN 11 - 13

Big trucks with big wheels make big noise and excitement at Monster Jam in the Tacoma Dome.

Visit [monsterjam.com/en-US/events/tacoma-wa/jan-11-2019-jan-13-2019](http://monsterjam.com/en-US/events/tacoma-wa/jan-11-2019-jan-13-2019) for details and schedule.

## WEDDING SHOW JAN 12 - 13

Live and breathe weddings at the Seattle Wedding Show in the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle. Expect fashion shows, discount gowns, and 400 vendors.

For details, visit [weddingshow.com/show/dates-times](http://weddingshow.com/show/dates-times).

## REMODELING EXPO JAN 18 - 20

Get ideas for your dream home from speakers, vendors, and remodeling experts at the Northwest Remodeling Expo at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle.

Visit [www.homeshowcenter.com](http://www.homeshowcenter.com) for details.

## FESTIVAL AT LAKE CHELAN JAN 18 - 27

Dress warmly for Lake Chelan Winterfest, which features ice sculptures, live music, wine & ale tasting, kids' activities, a polar bear splash, a giant beach bonfire, and fireworks on the sunnier side of the state.

Visit [www.lakechelan.com/winterfest](http://www.lakechelan.com/winterfest) for details.

## FISHING, HUNTING, CAMPING SHOW JAN 23 - 27

Washington Sportsmen's Show has seminars and exhibitors at the Washington State Fair Events Center in Puyallup.

Details can be found at [www.thesportshows.com/shows/washington/show-information](http://www.thesportshows.com/shows/washington/show-information).

## TACOMA HOME & GARDEN SHOW JAN 24 - 27

The Tacoma Home & Garden Show fills the Tacoma Dome with home-improvement vendors, seminars, and thousands of plants.

Visit [tacomahomeandgardenshow.com](http://tacomahomeandgardenshow.com) for details.

## Shelly's RECIPE CORNER

### HOT CORN DIP

*This cheesy, delicious appetizer recipe is sure to be a hit at any party and so easy and quick to throw together with pantry staples.*

#### Ingredients:

- 30 oz canned whole kernel corn (two 15oz cans), drained
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup cream cheese
- 1-2 pickled jalapenos finely minced
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese or similar cheese
- 2 cups grated mozzarella cheese divided
- 1/2 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 10 slices cooked bacon crumbled
- 2 green onions sliced
- additional sliced green onions for garnish

#### Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9-inch cast-iron skillet or similar sized casserole dish.

In a large bowl, combine corn, mayonnaise, cream cheese, jalapenos, cheddar cheese, 1.5 cups mozzarella cheese, and parmesan cheese. Stir well until fully combined. Season mixture with salt and pepper.

Add crumbled bacon and green onions. Stir until combined.

Spread the mixture in the prepared skillet or casserole dish, sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup of mozzarella and bake for 30 minutes until bubbly. Turn on broiler and bake for 1-2 more minutes until golden brown on top.

Serve the dip warm from the oven with crackers or tortilla chips.

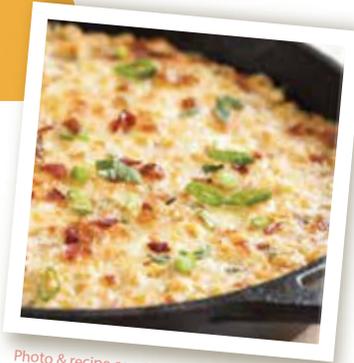


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Where Accident Victims Get Help



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# SETTING PRIORITIES FOR THE NEW YEAR



After the holiday madness has settled down, it is a good time to reflect on the happenings of the year that has passed and start thinking about what we would like to achieve in the New Year ahead. Many of us set our "New Year's Resolutions" with all of the good intentions and plans to follow through on these goals. Let's be honest... as the first month or two of the New Year fades away, so do these "New Year's Resolutions."

Rather than just focusing your attention on goal setting, consider thinking first about refocusing your priorities for the new year. Here are a few thoughts on how to reassess and focus your priorities and goal setting in 2019:

- **MAKE A LIST** - Write out your thoughts, ideas and dreams on paper. Get it all out there... just start writing ideas down as they come to you.
- **PRIORITIZE** - Take a look at your list and ask yourself "what is most important to me?" Go through your list and prioritize. Ask yourself what can wait until next year and what needs to be tackled now.
- **SET REALISTIC GOALS** - You have heard the term before... start setting SMART goals. These are realistic goals that are:
  - **SPECIFIC** - who, what, where, when and how?
  - **MEASURABLE** - can you track if you are meeting your goal?

- **ATTAINABLE** - can you actually accomplish this goal or are you setting yourself up for failure?
- **RELEVANT** - is it inline with your other goals? Does it have baring in your life?
- **TIMELY** - your goal should have a time limit. Know by what day or time you will accomplish this goal within the year.
- **CREATE DAILY HABITS** - As you create your SMART goals, implement some of them as new daily habits. These daily habits help us make the most amount of change in our lives.
- **CELEBRATE** - Be sure to have some fun with it and celebrate your accomplishments!

What are your priorities and goals for 2019? Share with us - we would love to hear about it! (email to [dawn@maxmeyerslaw.com](mailto:dawn@maxmeyerslaw.com))  
By sharing with friends and family, it will make you more committed and accountable.

*Wishing you all Health, Happiness and Success in 2019!*



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