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## ..SUMMER MOTORCYCLE EVENTS..



Max and the team will be at the **Pacific Northwest Bike Fest & Expo** in **Wenatchee** on **July 6th - 9th!** We will be located at Badger Mountain Brewing in downtown Wenatchee, WA.

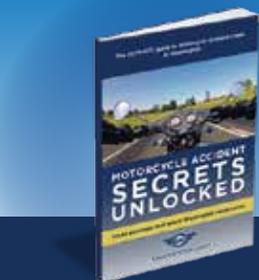
**Stop by our booth to say hi and enter to win a GoPro camera or Harley Davidson gift card!**

To find out more go to [www.thepnwbikefest.com](http://www.thepnwbikefest.com) or go to Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pnwbikefest](http://www.facebook.com/pnwbikefest).

Come visit us at the **Bikers at the Beach** Motorcycle Rally in **Ocean Shores** on **July 28th - 30th!** We will be located at the Ocean Shores Convention Center. **Swing by our booth to be entered in a drawing for a Harley Davidson gift card!**

**1st prize = \$200 gift card and 2nd prize = \$100 gift card.**  
See you there!

To find out more, go to [www.BikersAtTheBeach.com](http://www.BikersAtTheBeach.com) or go to Facebook at [www.facebook.com/BikersAtTheBeach/?fref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/BikersAtTheBeach/?fref=ts).



## FREE INSTANT DOWNLOAD

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

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

Go to our website [www.WashingtonMotorcycle-Book.com](http://www.WashingtonMotorcycle-Book.com) to get your free download now or call **425.276.7804** to have a copy mailed to you.



**CONGRATULATIONS MARIA!!**

## FUN AT THE 2017 SKY VALLEY MOTORCYCLE SHOW!

Thank you to all of you who came out to see us at the **Annual Sky Valley Motorcycle Show** on **May 21st!** It was a beautiful sunny day and we met a lot of great people.

We had many visitors come by our booth to enter our **\$100 Harley Davidson gift card giveaway.**

Our lucky winner was **Maria Ristine** from Camano Island, WA.

# WASHINGTON MOTORCYCLE LAWS

## that all Riders must know and follow.

As the heart of riding season hits this month here's a refresher on laws to be familiar with when riding in Washington state. Complying with these laws can keep you safe and out of trouble. But from a liability perspective, following the laws can also mitigate your comparative negligence and liability in the event of an accident.

The following is a comprehensive overview of motorcycle laws in the state. We encourage all riders to familiarize themselves with these laws. Drivers should too, because motorcycle safety is the responsibility of all road users.

### DO ALL RIDERS NEED A MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT?

**Before you can register a motorcycle, you must have a driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement.** Under RCW § 46.20.500, no motorcycle endorsement is required for motorcycles with a partially or fully enclosed seating area and steering wheel.

You have two options for obtaining a motorcycle endorsement.

- Complete an approved motorcycle rider course that allows you to bypass the knowledge and skills test. You will get a Certificate of Completion, and must present this to a Washington Licensing Services Office within 180 days of completing the course.
- Take a knowledge and riding skills test. The test emphasizes skills necessary for riding in traffic and maneuvers for avoiding a collision. (RCW § 46.20.515)

### REGISTRATION OF YOUR MOTORCYCLE

Before you can take your bike out for a ride, you must register it with the Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL). Before you register your motorcycle, you must have proof of ownership in the form of a title. If you purchased your bike from a dealership, the dealership should handle the title transfer.

**When buying from a private party or receiving a motorcycle as a gift, you have 15 days from the date you receive the motorcycle to register the title in your name.** You must complete and sign a bill of sale and a title application in the presence of a notary public or licensing agent.

If the motorcycle is less than ten years old, you must fill out an Odometer Disclosure Statement. Residents of the following counties must also obtain an emissions testing report:

- Clark •King •Pierce •Snohomish •Spokane

RCW § 46.16A.030 requires **all registered motorcycles to display a valid license plate.**

### MOTORCYCLE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS IN WASHINGTON

Motorcyclists do not have to carry insurance, but it's a really bad idea not to. My advice is to always buy as much **Underinsured Motorist Coverage** on your motorcycle insurance as you can afford. And never ride without good health insurance coverage!

Cars DO have to have insurance. RCW § 46.30.020 outlines the insurance requirements for Washington drivers. **Drivers must carry \$25,000 bodily injury liability per person, \$50,000 bodily injury liability for two or more people, and \$10,000 in property damage per accident.**

If a car turns left in front of you (the most common accident I see clients coming to me for help) and you end up in Harborview for 2-3 weeks with a surgery or two, the medical bills will be huge (it's not uncommon to see \$250,000-\$500,000 in bills just from a stay at Harborview). Most drivers don't have

enough insurance to the full value of your motorcycle accident case.

### WASHINGTON MOTORCYCLE HELMET LAWS

You must wear a helmet while riding in the state of Washington. Only helmets approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation that meet all manufacturing standards fulfill that requirement.

Wearing a helmet not only helps you comply with Washington motorcycle laws, but also protects you against brain injury in an accident. **Your helmet use may also be relevant if filing an accident claim.**

### MOTORCYCLE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED IN WASHINGTON

Along with helmet laws, RCW § 46.37.530 provides laws for additional motorcycle equipment designed to improve safety. All motorcycles must have **mirrors on the left and right sides** allowing the driver to see at least 200 feet to the rear. **Motorcycles must also have a windshield** unless the operator is wearing safety glasses, goggles, or a face shield approved by Washington state patrol.

There are several other laws regarding motorcycle safety equipment:

- RCW § 46.37.380 **requires the use of a horn** capable of emitting sound at least 200 feet.
- RCW § 46.37.390 **requires all motorcycles to have a muffler** to prevent excessive noise and unlawful emissions.
- RCW § 46.61.611 requires motorcycle **handlebars or grips to be no higher than 30 inches higher** than the operator's seat or saddle.
- RCW § 46.37.522 requires all motorcycles to have **head and tail lamps illuminated** whenever the motorcycle is in use on a highway.

### WASHINGTON'S RULES FOR RIDING A MOTORCYCLE

Motorcycle operators must follow all standard traffic laws including traffic signals, yield signs, and instructions by police. **However, as some motorcycles may not trigger red light sensors, Washington allows motorcyclists to proceed through red lights under these circumstances:**

- At complete stop at red light.
- Wait for at least one cycle.
- May not violate right of way of other vehicles or pedestrians.

**Loud pipes?** All motorcycles must meet the sound restrictions as outlined in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) §173-62-030. **This rule states a motorcycle may not exceed a sound level over 78 dBA at speeds of 45 mph or less and 82 dBA for speeds over 45 mph.**

Motorcycles with only one seat shall not carry more than a single rider. Passengers are only allowed on motorcycles equipped with a second seat or saddle or those with an attached car designed for passenger seating.

When operating a motorcycle in traffic, a motorcycle may use a full lane and share the lane with another motorcycle, but no more than two motorcycles shall ride abreast in a traffic lane.

### LEGAL HELP FOR APPLYING WASHINGTON MOTORCYCLE LAWS TO YOUR ACCIDENT CLAIM

If you have questions about whether your lack of helmet use or observance of motorcycle laws impairs your ability to file an injury claim, give us a call at **Max Meyers Law PLLC • 425-276-7804.**



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# Chocolate Chip Cookie Delight



Recipe and photo by Taste of Home.

## Ingredients:

- 1 tube (16 1/2 ounces) refrigerated chocolate chip cookie dough
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 carton (12 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed, divided
- 3 cups cold 2% milk
- 1 package (3.9 ounces) instant chocolate pudding mix
- 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant vanilla pudding mix
- Chopped nuts, chocolate curls and miniature semisweet chocolate chips, optional

## Directions:

Let cookie dough stand at room temperature for 5-10 minutes to soften. Press into an ungreased 13" x 9" baking pan. Bake at 350° for 14-16 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack.

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth. Fold in 1 3/4 cups whipped topping. Spread over crust.

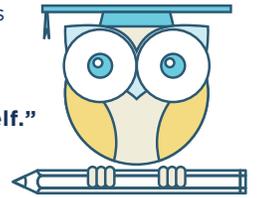
In a large bowl, whisk milk and pudding mixes for 2 minutes. Spread over cream cheese layer. Top with remaining whipped topping. Sprinkle with nuts and chocolate curls if desired.

Cover and refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight until firm. Yield: 15 servings.

# 7 EASY WAYS to Invest in Yourself

Warren Buffet, the famous investment mogul, has been quoted as saying **"the best investment you can make is in yourself."**

Are you someone who is committed to your personal growth and development? Here are **7 quick and easy personal investments** tips that will have big impact and provide you with a more fulfilled life.



**Read.** The most successful people carve time out of their days to read. Not only does reading increase your knowledge, it also improves your vocabulary, memory and focus, while sharpening your analytical skills and reducing stress.

**Join a group or organization.** Find a group that allows you to connect with other like-minded people who are committed to growing personally and professionally. In addition to networking, these organizations also provide opportunities to attend workshops and classes, find a mentor and look for new professional opportunities.

**Take a class or seminar.** Signing up for a class or seminar, either online or in-person, gives you the opportunity to learn and grow outside of the traditional confines of school. Enroll in a workshop or webinar provided by a professional organization you belong to or a personal interest or hobby group you enjoy.

**Listen to a podcast.** Podcasts are becoming a popular way to learn and get inspired. You can listen to podcasts during your commute, at the gym or whenever you have some down time. There are podcasts available for all kinds of interests, including taking charge of your finances, current events or enhancing your spirituality.

**Watch a video.** Watch a video from a leading personal development expert, or expert in your field, and you will not only learn, you will also become motivated to make lasting positive changes in your life and at work. Also, watch inspirational films that will leave you feeling uplifted and encouraged.

**Get a mentor.** If you want to get ahead in your career, a mentor can help you improve your self-confidence, tap into your potential and find balance in your life. Since they don't have a personal stake in your success, they will provide unbiased feedback as they share their experiences and offer tips and encouragement to help you thrive.

**Volunteer.** Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community while refining skills and traits, such as team work, empathy and communication. If you are starting a new career or have moved to a new area, volunteering allows you to get experience and expand your network. Serving others not only nurtures positive feelings, it lowers the risk of depression and reduces stress.



We are excited to announce that for the second year in a row Max was the winner for Best Lawyer in Kirkland! A big thank you to all of those who participated and voted!

## WHAT CLIENTS Are Saying About Us



*If you are ever in an accident I recommend you give Max Meyers law a call!*

My wife and I were hit by another driver who had no insurance. We were dealing with treatment of our injuries and were struggling with the insurance company. The insurance company had no interest in helping us out and I didn't feel like they were on my side. One of my-coworkers recommended that I give Max a call. He was great and helped us answer all of our questions. Max did a wonderful job for us and I highly recommend him if you are in need of help with your accident.

-Hung Kuu, Bothell, WA



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Where Accident Victims Get Help



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# July

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Gig Harbor Wings & Wheels JULY 2

Gig Harbor Wings & Wheels is airplanes, flyovers, a car show, race cars, motorcycles, and a beer garden at Tacoma Narrows Airport. Visit the [www.freedomfair.com/carshow](http://www.freedomfair.com/carshow).

### Surprise Bubble Blowing JULY 8

Join hundreds of pranksters and astonishing onlookers at the International Bubble Flash Mob in downtown Seattle. Check the website at noon for the location. Head there with your bubble making items. Act natural and keep the secret while you wait! Start blowing bubbles at exactly 1 p.m.

For more information and details, please visit <http://bubbleseattle.com/upcoming-events/bubble-flash-mob>.

### Sand Castle Competition JULY 15

See incredible sand sculptures built by competing teams during Sandsations, which is next to the boardwalk in Long Beach. Visit <http://sandsationslongbeach.com/>.

### Glass-School Open House JULY 16

Watch hot glass demonstrations by artists, take a tour of the campus founded by Dale Chihuly, buy glass art, and do glass activi-

ties at the Pilchuck Glass School Open House in Stanwood. Visit [www.pilchuck.com/events/open\\_house](http://www.pilchuck.com/events/open_house).

### Run for Frozen Yogurt! JULY 22

That's right, you get a cup of frozen yogurt with toppings after you run or walk the FroYo 5k/10K at Juanita Beach Park in Kirkland. Visit: <http://thefroyorun.com/locations-and-dates/>.

### Lavender Festival JULY 21 - 23

Sequim Lavender Festival has lavender farm tours and street fair with crafts, food, beer, and music. Visit [www.lavenderfestival.com](http://www.lavenderfestival.com) for details.

### Obstacle Race JULY 29

Feel like a kid again at The Great Inflatable Race, which includes at least eight blow-up obstacles you must get over, under, around, or through at Lake Sammamish State Park. Pay \$10 for parking unless you have a Discover Pass. Visit [www.thegreatinflatablerace.com/Seattle](http://www.thegreatinflatablerace.com/Seattle) for more details.

### Mushroom Festival JULY 29 - 30

Pacific Northwest Mushroom Festival has mushroom hors d'oeuvres, cooking demonstrations, a kids' zone, a wine/beer tent, music, and mushroom farm tours in Lacey. A glowing 5K and kids' run is Friday evening. Visit [www.pnwmushroomfest.org](http://www.pnwmushroomfest.org) for details.



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