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ARE YOU READY TO TRAVEL?

It's been a long 18 months since the first Covid shut down. Pandemic hangover has kicked in for everyone I know. It seems we are all tired of being shut in at home and are ready to travel and hang out with friends again.

In the past six months I have taken two trips out of state that involved air travel. One trip to Vail, Colorado for a work conference and Las Vegas for another work conference. Both trips went off without any hiccups. Flying requires a mask but it's for the most part the same as before. Similarly staying in hotels seems to be back to normal other than mask requirements, which are routine these days.

Our Vegas trip was last month and I can whole heartedly say Vegas is nearly 100% open for business. Masks are required in the Casinos but not when eating or drinking. If you're anything like me, drinking and gambling go hand in hand so the mask isn't doing much for you.

I have been vaccinated and so far feel I have been protected well. Obviously, there is debate on this, but I feel good and safe with it.

We checked out two new places in Vegas. The Neon Museum (Neon Graveyard) at night was super cool. All the old Vegas signs on display, with many lit up, makes for a fun evening. The 45 minute tour gives lots of cool Vegas history to the signs.

The other place was an old time speakeasy type bar called "The Laundry Room." It's near the Fremont Street Experience in old Vegas. There is a secret locked entrance and everything. Craft cocktails are the specialty. The bartender will ask for your favorite flavors to make you something new and special. We felt transported back in time in the dark and eclectic atmosphere. A little pricey, but I highly recommend a visit.

If you are considering travel, I feel like it's okay to resume travel. Take precautions but let yourself have some fun again. I know Shelly and I feel good about it!! Lord knows we all need it mentally and emotionally.

*Safe travels,
-Max*



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What Are You Thankful for this Thanksgiving Season?

I'm thankful to still be kicking around. Have you lost a loved one during the pandemic? We have lost a couple close family members due to other causes and not covid, but that has not made it any easier. Memorials either couldn't happen or were delayed significantly. This makes the grieving process so much harder.

I lost my 14-yr-old nephew Giacomo last year. To say it has been hard for my brother and his wife is an understatement. The covid restrictions compounded and made everything worse. A parent losing a child is one of life's true cruelties.

An amazing Celebration of Life was held for Giacomo last month. There was something like 300 people in attendance. The breadth and reach of Giacomo's kindness and love for people was inspiring to see.

More evidence of Giacomo's love for people can be found in the memorial fund with Treehouse that raised over \$52,000. Treehouse was a favorite charity of Giacomo's because they help give foster kids access to things other kids have access to like youth sport uniforms, field trip funds, etc. Giacomo's legacy helped hundreds of foster kids have a better life and enjoy some of the things many kids take for granted. You can check out Giacomo's Little Wishes Memorial Fund here:

engage.treehouseforkids.org/fundraiser/2739085.

I'm most thankful for the family and friends in my life. The love we give to those closest to us is the real meaning of life. Hug your loved ones as often as possible, it will never be something you regret!!



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RECOVERING DAMAGES

If You Or Your Child Suffer Facial Injuries From A Dog Bite

We are dog lovers. But every dog owner is aware their pet can cause serious damage with a bite, especially when young children are the victims. In the United States, an estimated 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs each year, with about 20% of the victims requiring medical attention for their injuries. About half of the victims of dog bites are children under 12 years old.

Among the types of injuries that occur with dog bites, facial injuries can be the most severe. They often require surgery and sometimes cause permanent damage. Washington State's dog bite law empowers victims to recover damages for dog bite injuries, including compensation for expenses arising from facial injuries.



Let's discuss Washington's dog bite law in general, talk about the types of facial injuries that can occur and how they are treated, and what you can do to receive proper compensation if you or your child suffers a dog bite injury to the face. Washington's law is quite straightforward and quite strict, placing

liability for dog bites squarely on the shoulders of the dog owner in most cases. The owner of the dog that bites you is liable for any damages or injury caused even if the dog has never before shown signs of aggression. The only exceptions to liability are:

- If you were trespassing on the owner's private property when the dog attacked;
- The dog in question is a police dog; or
- If the owner can prove you provoked the dog.

WHAT TO DO AFTER A FACIAL INJURY CAUSED BY A DOG BITE

If you or your child sustains a facial injury due to a dog attack, the steps you take immediately following could have a significant effect both on your/their recovery and the amount you may be able to collect in compensatory damages.

Get medical attention immediately. Delaying treatment could cause complications as well as affecting your ability to collect damages later. Keep all documentation of medical treatment, medical bills, etc.

Report the incident to the police. This helps you to collect police reports and other documents and records proving your case at trial.

Locate and identify the dog's owner. If the dog was loose and alone, animal control or the police department can help you with this step.

Call a qualified personal injury attorney as soon as possible. With effective legal representation, you can maximize your ability to recover damages and minimize any negative

impact the incident could have on future earning potential.

POTENTIAL DAMAGES IN A FACIAL INJURY CASE

When you or your loved one is injured by a dog bite, the losses may extend well beyond just the cost of treatment. Here are some common damages:

Cost of medical treatment and care. This includes the immediate expenses involved with healing and repairing your injuries (e.g. surgery, hospital stays), along with any therapies and ongoing treatments for the foreseeable future.

Loss of income. This includes any lost wages for time off of work due to the injury itself, plus any potential loss of wages for the future if the facial injury disrupts your chosen profession (modeling or acting, for example).

Pain and suffering. These damages are more intangible, but they are intended to compensate you for any physical, emotional, and mental anguish associated with the trauma of the dog bite incident.

Loss of enjoyment. You may be able to collect compensation for the lingering effects of the dog bite injury that reduce your quality of life (for example, loss of sight, loss of smell/taste, or loss of feeling in your face).

GET A CONSULT WITH MAX ASAP

Investigating a dog bite claim, gathering evidence, talking to witnesses all need to happen soon after a bite incident. Facial scars or other visible scars are some of the most emotionally impactful injuries that are best handled by an experience attorney who's on your side. The legal team at Max Meyers Law can help. Contact our offices to schedule a free consultation, or call us at **425-399-7000**.

Shelly's RECIPE CORNER

GRANDMA'S SWEET POTATO BISCUITS

Ingredients:

- 3 cups self-rising flour (such as White Lily brand)
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- ½ cup (1 stick) salted butter, cubed and chilled
- 1 ½ cups cold mashed cooked sweet potatoes
- ¾ cup cold whole buttermilk, plus more as needed
- 1 tablespoon salted butter, melted

Directions:

Whisk together self-rising flour and sugar. Use a pastry blender or two forks to cut in the cold butter.

Whisk together mashed sweet potatoes and buttermilk. Stir the potato mixture into the flour mixture.

Turn the dough onto a lightly floured surface, and knead 4-6 times (folding it over on itself). This process will help add those flaky layers to the biscuits.

Pat the dough to 1-inch thickness and use a biscuit cutter to cut out rounds. Arrange the cut biscuits in parchment paper lined (or

greased) cast iron skillet or round cake pan with sides touching. Freeze for 10-15 minutes to chill the dough while you preheat the oven.

Bake in a 450°F oven for 15-20 minutes. The biscuits are done when the tops are golden brown and you can see that the inside layers are cooked through — not doughy or wet. Brush the biscuits with melted butter (for great flavor), and serve warm.

Use a cast iron skillet or a round cake pan if possible. I find that they rise highest when tucked inside a round pan. The biscuits "climb" vertically on the sides of the pan, and don't spread horizontally. This creates tall, fluffy and flaky sweet potato biscuits.



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Where Accident Victims Get Help



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