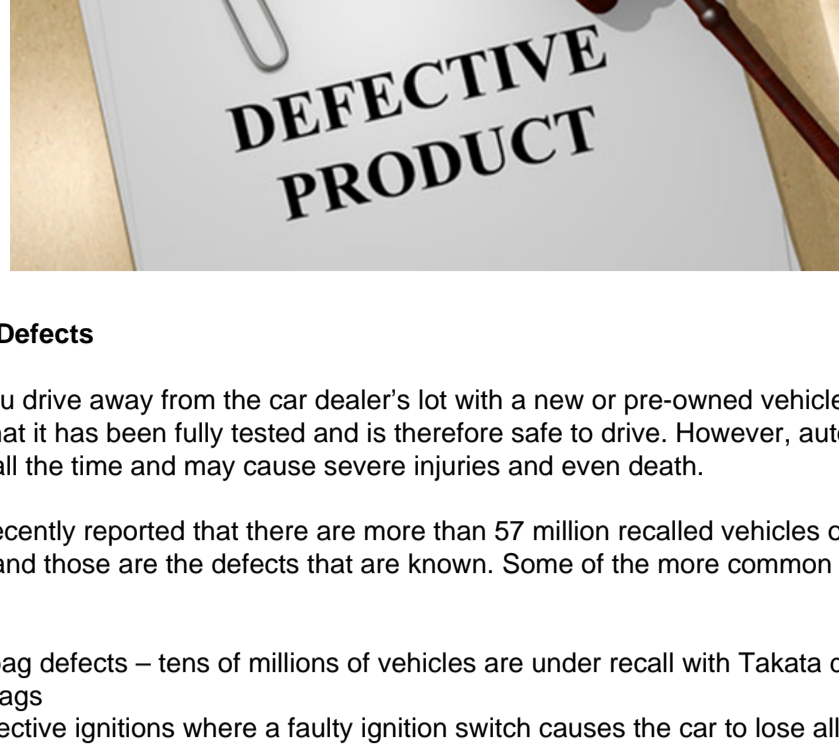




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## Lawsuits for Auto Defects or Repairs – What Are Your Rights?



### Vehicle Defects

When you drive away from the car dealer's lot with a new or pre-owned vehicle, you expect that it has been fully tested and is therefore safe to drive. However, auto defects happen all the time and may cause severe injuries and even death.

Carfax recently reported that there are more than 57 million recalled vehicles on U.S. roads – and those are the defects that are known. Some of the more common defects include:

- Airbag defects – tens of millions of vehicles are under recall with Takata defective airbags
- Defective ignitions where a faulty ignition switch causes the car to lose all power
- Defective brakes – brakes or brake lines fail
- Defective tires – manufacturing flaws that can cause a blowout
- Design flaws that make the vehicle less crashworthy, for example, an SUV with a high center of gravity that is prone to rollover
- Fuel system defects – improper plating on the fuel pump

Other defects may cause seat back collapse, seat belt failure and child car seat failure.

If you have been injured in a car accident that may have been caused by a defect, our experienced attorneys will provide skilled legal representation for you and your family. We have the right resources to effectively handle your claim against a vehicle manufacturer or parts maker and will fight for any compensation to which you may be entitled.

### Vehicle Repairs

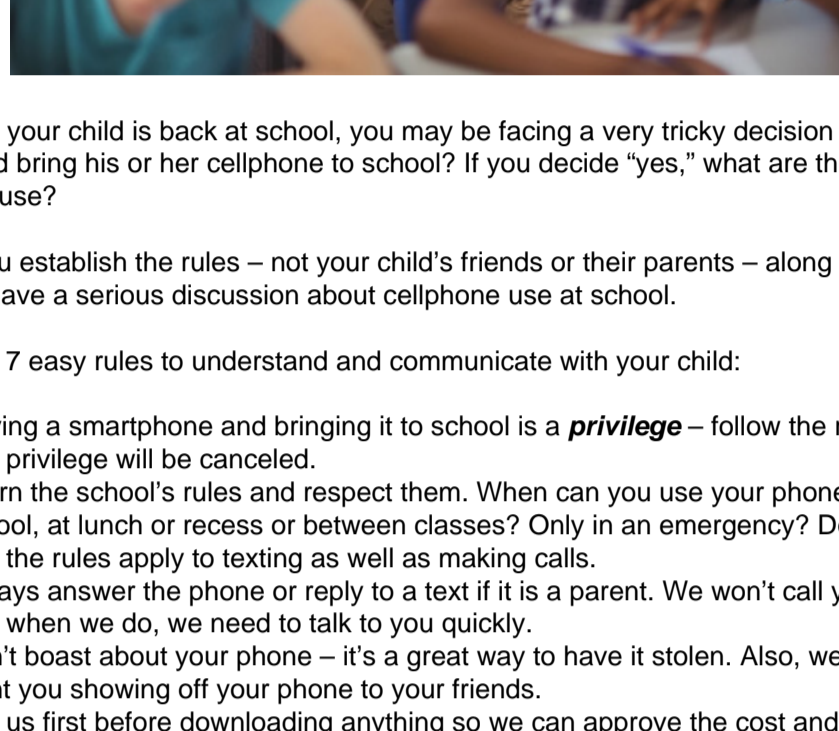
Car repair shops work to keep vehicles in safe working order according to accepted industry practices. However, if your car was negligently maintained or repaired and subsequently you are in an auto accident, the auto shop may be held liable for damages.

Some types of negligent repair work include:

- Installing the wrong replacement part
- Failing to complete required repairs
- Doing unnecessary or wrong repairs
- Damaging other parts of the car
- Illegally modifying parts
- Leaving debris in the car
- Having untrained or unqualified mechanics complete the repair

Below-standard repair and/or maintenance can contribute to vehicle damage and even make a car unsafe to drive. If you believe that an auto shop or mechanic is liable for your injuries and property damage, an attorney can help prove your case of negligence.

## 7 Guidelines for Children Using Cellphones in School



Now that your child is back at school, you may be facing a very tricky decision – should your child bring his or her cellphone to school? If you decide "yes," what are the ground rules for use?

Since you establish the rules – not your child's friends or their parents – along with the school, have a serious discussion about cellphone use at school.

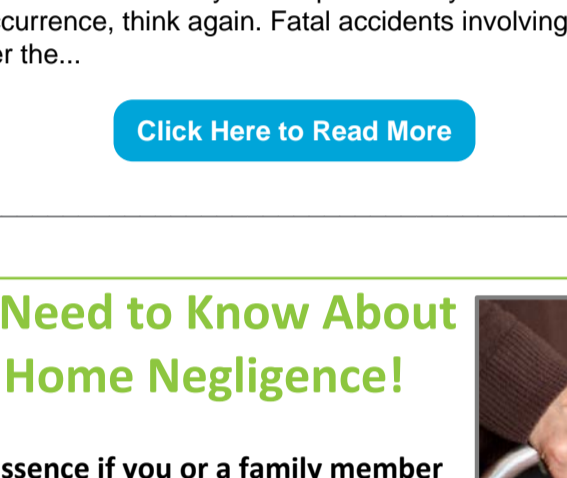
Here are 7 easy rules to understand and communicate with your child:

1. Having a smartphone and bringing it to school is a **privilege** – follow the rules or that privilege will be canceled.
2. Learn the school's rules and respect them. When can you use your phone at school, at lunch or recess or between classes? Only in an emergency? Don't forget that the rules apply to texting as well as making calls.
3. Always answer the phone or reply to a text if it is a parent. We won't call you a lot but, when we do, we need to talk to you quickly.
4. Don't boast about your phone – it's a great way to have it stolen. Also, we don't want you showing off your phone to your friends.
5. Ask us first before downloading anything so we can approve the cost and make sure it is age-appropriate.
6. Never take photos or videos that you intend to post online with cruel remarks – this is cyberbullying! Before posting anything, think carefully about its impact on anyone in terms of embarrassment or harm.
7. Even when you are permitted to use your phone, politely put it down to talk face-to-face with teachers and classmates.

If a family member has been harmed in an accident or any other personal injury, it's important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. Call (888) 402-9607 for your initial free consultation. Mani, Ellis & Layne, PLLC, injury attorneys in West Virginia, can help you determine whether you need a lawyer for an accident or any personal injury case.

## From our Blog

### Are Deadly Truck Accidents on the Rise?

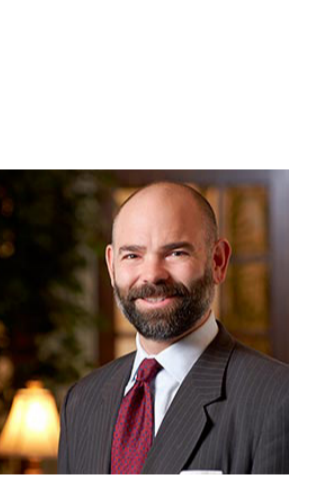


Many drivers might see a big rig on a West Virginia highway without thinking much about the consequences of a collision. What would happen if the trucker was texting or otherwise distracted? What would happen if the truck company hired a driver who had a history of accidents or traffic violations?

Any of these factors could have deadly consequences. If you think a deadly truck accident is a rare occurrence, think again. Fatal accidents involving large trucks have been on the rise over the...

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## What You Need to Know About Nursing Home Negligence!



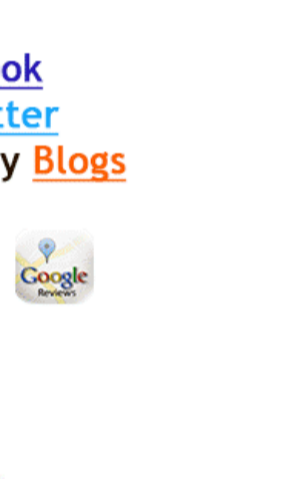
**Time is of the essence if you or a family member suspects neglect or negligence.**

The state of West Virginia has shortened the Statute of Limitations for Nursing Home Abuse or Neglect to **1 YEAR** from the date of death or discovery of negligence!

As a firm, we have worked hard to defend the rights of the elderly and their families in West Virginia and hold corporate wrongdoers accountable. We are here for you to answer any questions you may have regarding your situation. Give us a call at (304)720-1000 for a free consultation.



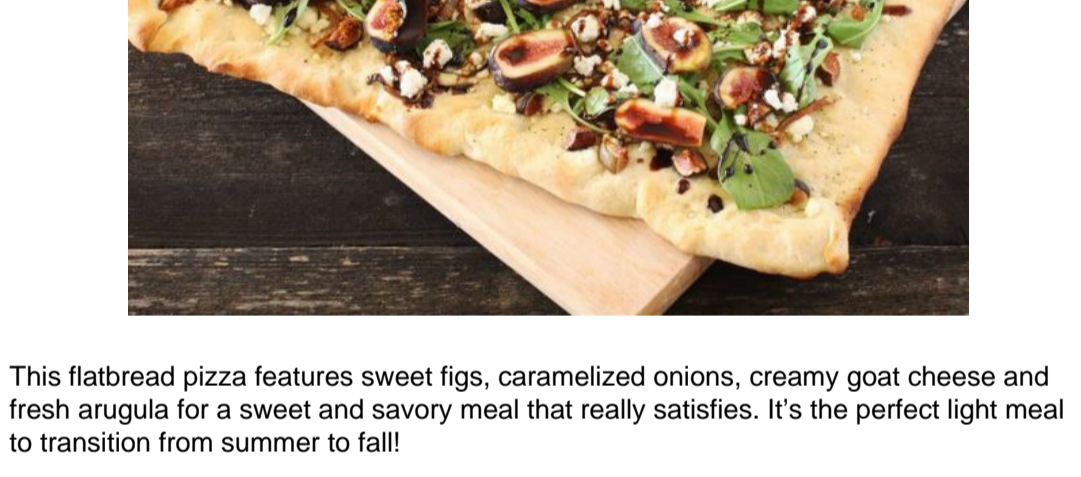
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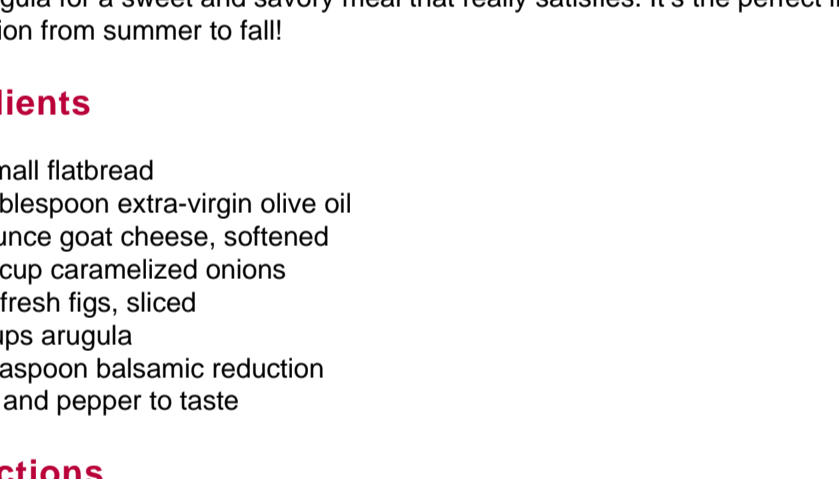
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## Recipe of the Month Fig, Goat Cheese and Arugula Flatbread



This flatbread pizza features sweet figs, caramelized onions, creamy goat cheese and fresh arugula for a sweet and savory meal that really satisfies. It's the perfect light meal to transition from summer to fall!

### Ingredients

- 1 small flatbread
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1-ounce goat cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup caramelized onions
- 3-5 fresh figs, sliced
- 2 cups arugula
- 1 teaspoon balsamic reduction
- salt and pepper to taste

### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 400F.
2. Brush the flatbread with olive oil. Add dollops of the goat cheese evenly over the flatbread. Add the onions and figs.
3. Bake 10 minutes or until the goat cheese melts a bit and the edges of the flatbread brown.
4. Remove from the oven. Top with arugula, salt, pepper and a drizzle of balsamic reduction.

Recipe courtesy of [marisamoore.com](#)

## What's Happening in Charleston, WV

**Sep 21**  
LeAnn Rimes in Concert & WV Symphony Orchestra  
Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center  
Charleston, WV

**Sep 21**  
28th Grape Stomp Wine Festival  
Kirkwood Winery & Isaiah Morgan Distillery  
Summersville, WV

**Sep 27**  
Miranda Lambert  
Charleston Civic Center Little Theater  
Charleston, WV

**Oct 5**  
River Rat Beer and Music Festival  
Gallipolis City Park  
Gallipolis, OH

**Oct 6**  
Miranda Sings – Who Wants My Kid?  
Clay Center  
Charleston, WV

**Oct 8**  
ZZ Top  
Clay Center  
Charleston, WV

**Oct 31 - Nov 1**  
Halloween Pumpkin Run - 13.1/10k/5k/1k  
Capitol Market  
Charleston, WV

**Nov 12**  
Beautiful - The Carole King Musical  
Clay Center  
Charleston, WV

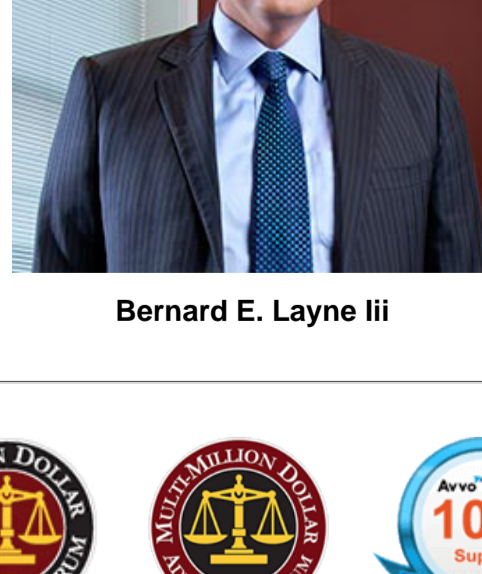
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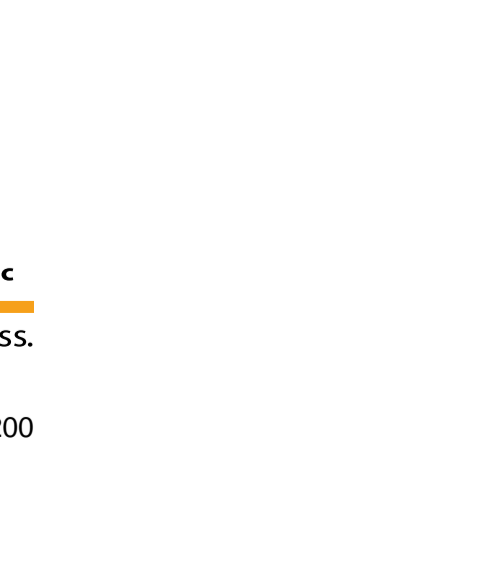
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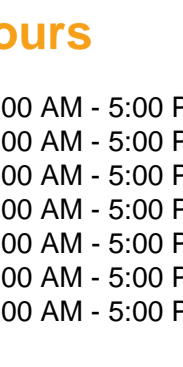
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