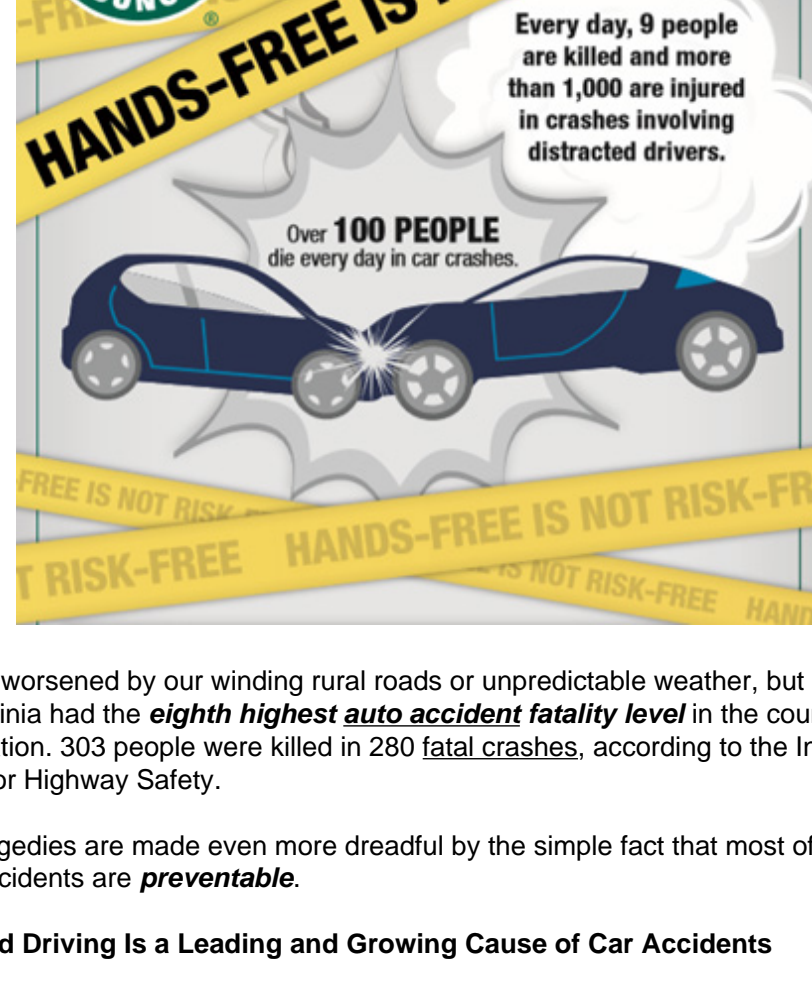




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What Are the Leading Causes of Auto Accidents?



It may be worsened by our winding rural roads or unpredictable weather, but in 2017 West Virginia had the **eighth highest auto accident fatality level** in the country, based on population. 303 people were killed in 280 fatal crashes, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

These tragedies are made even more dreadful by the simple fact that most of these deadly accidents are **preventable**.

Distracted Driving Is a Leading and Growing Cause of Car Accidents

Distracted driving, where the driver's attention is taken away from the road, is now a major cause of fatal crashes – and the fastest growing one.

Texting while driving, which is illegal in West Virginia, is a deadly habit as it takes the driver's hands off the wheel, eyes off the road and attention away from the task at hand. Other driver distractions include:

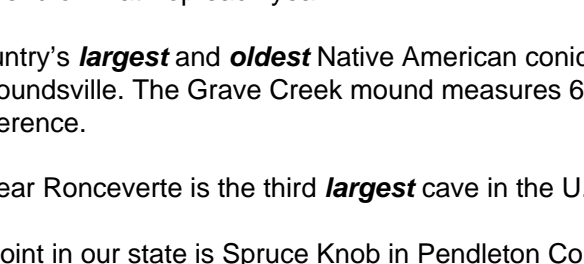
- Using a cellphone – even hands-free
- Taking photos or video
- Adjusting music controls
- Using GPS
- Eating or drinking
- Talking to passengers
- Attending to children

Other Causes of Car Crashes

- **Driving under the influence.** In the U.S., 30 people are killed by a driver impaired by alcohol **every day**.
- **Speeding.** This aggressive driving is not limited to driving over the speed limit; it is dangerous to drive too fast for weather conditions like rain, snow or fog.
- **Wrong-way driving.** These crashes can be especially severe because the vehicles often hit each other **head-on**.
- **Inexperienced driver.** New drivers tend to be overconfident and may speed, fail to yield correctly, lose control of the vehicle or follow too closely.
- **Traffic violations.** Not following traffic rules such as not obeying traffic signals or stop signs can result in fatal accidents – along with pedestrian deaths.

Other common causes of car accidents include situations that are outside of the driver's control such as poor weather and road conditions, road debris, missing signs, insufficient lighting and vehicle defects.

West Virginia Record-Breakers: Longest, Largest, Oldest



Fun fact: West Virginia is considered the **southernmost** northern state and the **northernmost** southern state!

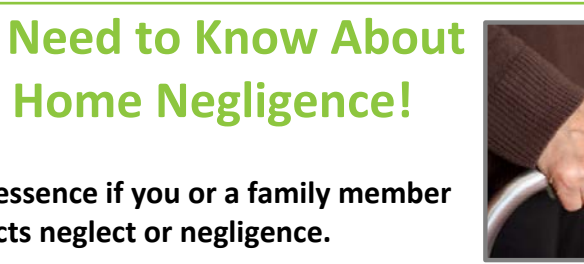
No matter where you place our state, West Virginia has lots going for it. We've got some of the largest and longest ... well, just read on for some West Virginia superlatives:

- Andrews Church in Grafton was the site of the **first** Mother's Day observation in 1908.
- The New River Gorge Bridge near Fayetteville, at 1,700 feet long, is the **longest** steel arch bridge in the world and the second highest steel arch bridge in the U.S.
- The Lilly clan family reunion is the **largest** in the world. More than 2,500 family members descend on Flat Top each year.
- One of the country's **largest** and **oldest** Native American conical-style burial mounds is in Moundsville. The Grave Creek mound measures 69 feet high and 900 feet in circumference.
- Organ Cave near Ronceverte is the **third largest** cave in the U.S.
- The **highest** point in our state is Spruce Knob in Pendleton County, elevation 4,863 feet.
- The **largest** alluvial diamond ever discovered in North America was found in Petersdown in 1928. The landowners thought the 34-carat diamond was quartz and threw it in a cigar box for years before showing it to a geologist.
- Experts believe that the New River is one of the world's **oldest** – second only to the Nile. This ancient river unusually flows south to the north because it is second to the surrounding mountains.

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

West Virginia Attorney on How Rideshare Passengers Can Stay Safe



Tragedy struck a South Carolina college town in May after a 21-year-old female student was murdered by an imposter Uber driver.

Surveillance video showed the student getting into a vehicle in the early morning hours. After she failed to return home, she was reported missing. Her body was found hours later.

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What You Need to Know About Nursing Home Negligence!

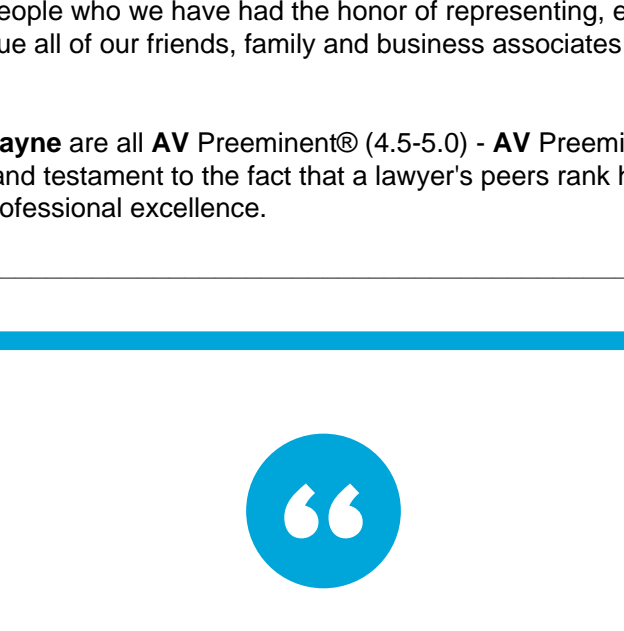
Time is of the essence if you or a family member suspects neglect or negligence.



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.

Thank You for Your Referrals (We have paid millions to our peers for referrals!)



At Mani Ellis & Layne, PLLC we rely on our friends, family and former clients to send us new referrals. Many of you have given us great referrals and also referred us new business and we are always grateful.

We value those people who we have had the honor of representing, even many years after. We also value all of our friends, family and business associates in West Virginia and further afield.

Mani, Ellis and Layne are all AV Preeminent® (4.5-5.0) - AV Preeminent is a significant accomplishment and testament to the fact that a lawyer's peers rank him or her at the highest level of professional excellence.



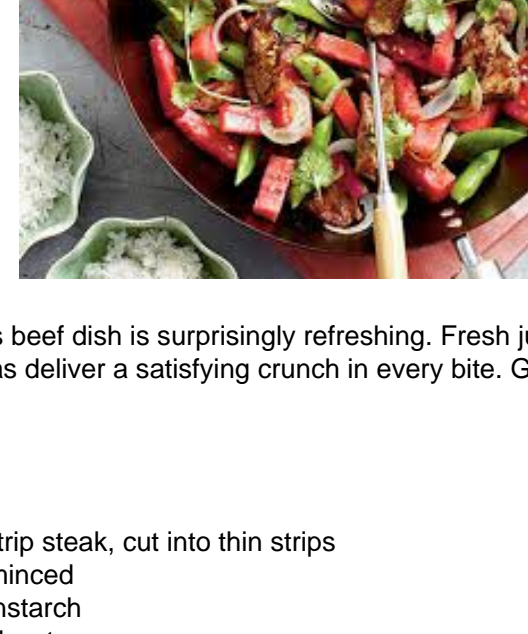
Review: J Wine - After almost 10 years of frustration, Jon Mani helped me get what I needed for me and my family. He was very professional, nice, and just a all around good guy. Thanks so much Jon! Ill be forever grateful!



Jonathan R. Mani



Recipe of the Month Beef and Watermelon Stir-fry



The sweet heat of this beef dish is surprisingly refreshing. Fresh juicy watermelon and sweet sugar snap peas deliver a satisfying crunch in every bite. Garnish with fresh cilantro for extra zing.

Ingredients

- 1 pound sirloin strip steak, cut into thin strips
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 2 teaspoons cold water
- 1 ½ teaspoons sesame oil
- 2 tablespoons dry white wine
- 2 tablespoons hoisin sauce
- 2 tablespoons hot water
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons canola oil, divided
- 1 medium-size sweet onion, halved and sliced
- 12 ounces fresh sugar snap peas
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- ½ teaspoon dried crushed red pepper
- 16 ounces watermelon, rind removed and cut into sticks (about 2 cups)
- 2 cups hot cooked rice

Directions

Toss together first 6 ingredients and 1 tsp. wine. Let stand 30 minutes. Meanwhile, stir together hot water, hoisin, and remaining 1 tsp. wine.

Remove beef from marinade, discarding marinade. Sprinkle with salt and black pepper; cook half of beef in 1 1/2 tsp. hot canola oil in a large skillet over high heat, without stirring, 45 seconds or until browned; turn beef, and cook 30 seconds or until browned. Transfer to a warm plate. Repeat with remaining 1 1/2 tsp. oil and beef.

Stir-fry onion in remaining 1 tbsp. canola oil in skillet over medium-high heat 2 minutes or until tender. Add sugar snap peas, ginger, and crushed red pepper; stir-fry 2 minutes. Add beef and hoisin mixture; stir-fry 1 minute or until slightly thickened. Remove from heat. Stir in watermelon. Add salt, black pepper, and red pepper to taste. Serve immediately with hot cooked rice.

Recipe courtesy of Southern Living

What's Happening in Charleston, WV

July 27
[William Matheny, Hello June & John R. Miller](#)
Rock City Cake Company
Charleston, WV

Aug 1
[Chris Stapleton](#)
Charleston Civic Center Little Theater
Charleston, WV

Aug 10
[Rais & Ales Craft Beer Festival](#)
Harris Riverfront Park
Huntington, WV

Aug 10
[Willie Nelson & Family & Alison Krauss](#)
Big Sandy Superstore Arena
Huntington, WV

Aug 19
[Hall and Oates](#)
Big Sandy Superstore Arena
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Aug 22
[2019 Fly In Festival](#)
Robert Newlon Airpark
Huntington, WV

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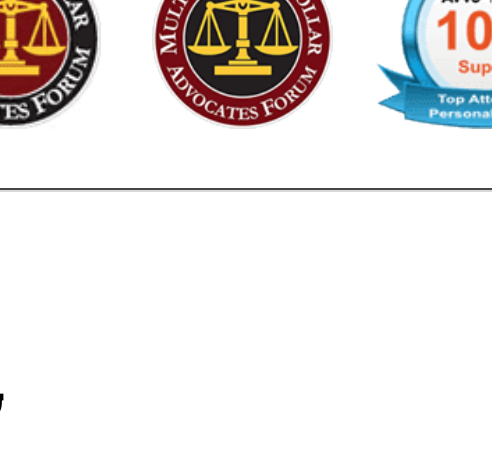
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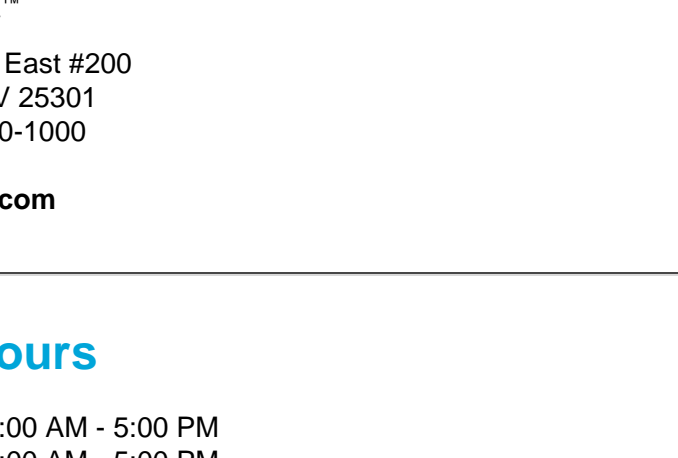
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