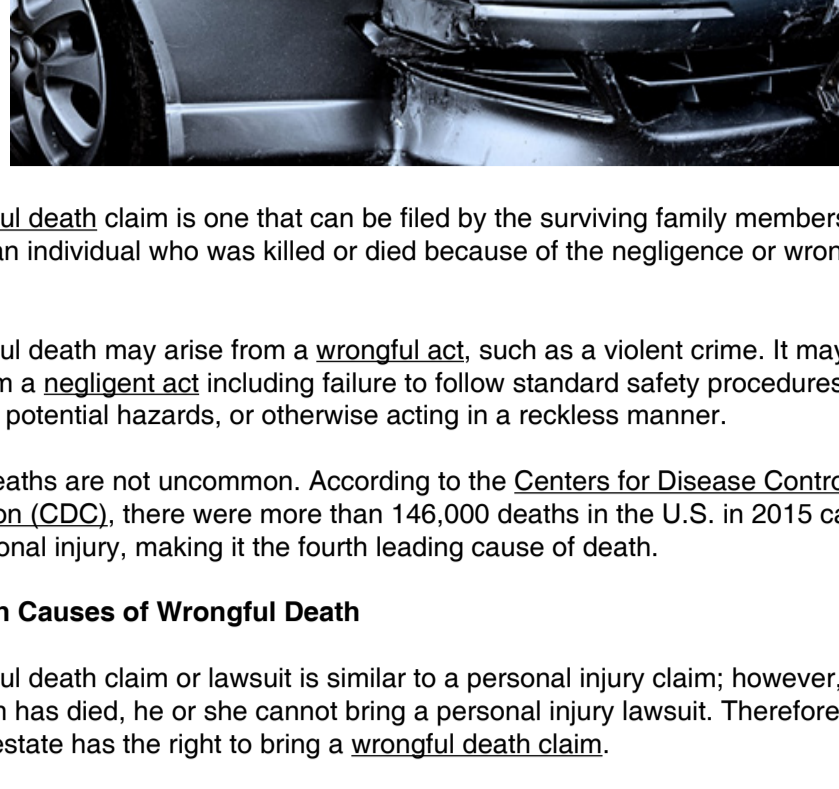




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What Are the Most Common Causes of Wrongful Death?



A **wrongful death** claim is one that can be filed by the surviving family members or loved ones of an individual who was killed or died because of the negligence or wrongdoing of another.

A wrongful death may arise from a wrongful act, such as a violent crime. It may also arise from a negligent act including failure to follow standard safety procedures or warn others of potential hazards, or otherwise acting in a reckless manner.

These deaths are not uncommon. According to the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**, there were more than 146,000 deaths in the U.S. in 2015 caused by unintentional injury, making it the fourth leading cause of death.

Common Causes of Wrongful Death

A wrongful death claim or lawsuit is similar to a personal injury claim; however, because the victim has died, he or she cannot bring a personal injury lawsuit. Therefore, the victim's estate has the right to bring a **wrongful death claim**.

The most common kinds of wrongful death cases involve these types of accidents:

- **Vehicle accidents** including cars, trucks and motorcycles caused by speeding, drunk or distracted driving, reckless driving or other negligence.
- **Pedestrian and bicycle accidents.**
- **Slip and fall injuries** or being struck by an object, which falls under the umbrella of **premises liability accidents.**
- **Product liability** cases where a dangerous or defective product causes an accidental injury and death; examples are faulty auto parts, flawed consumer products and dangerous drugs.
- **Medical malpractice** mistakes, misdiagnoses and errors.
- **Accidental poisonings** which also includes medication overdoses and errors.
- **Water-related accidents** such as drowning, boating and recreation accidents.
- **Work-related accidents** and illnesses in all venues including coal mining and construction work.

Deaths due to **nursing home abuse and neglect** may also be considered wrongful deaths. The victims may have been victims of physical or emotional abuse or may have been subjected to less than basic standards of care.

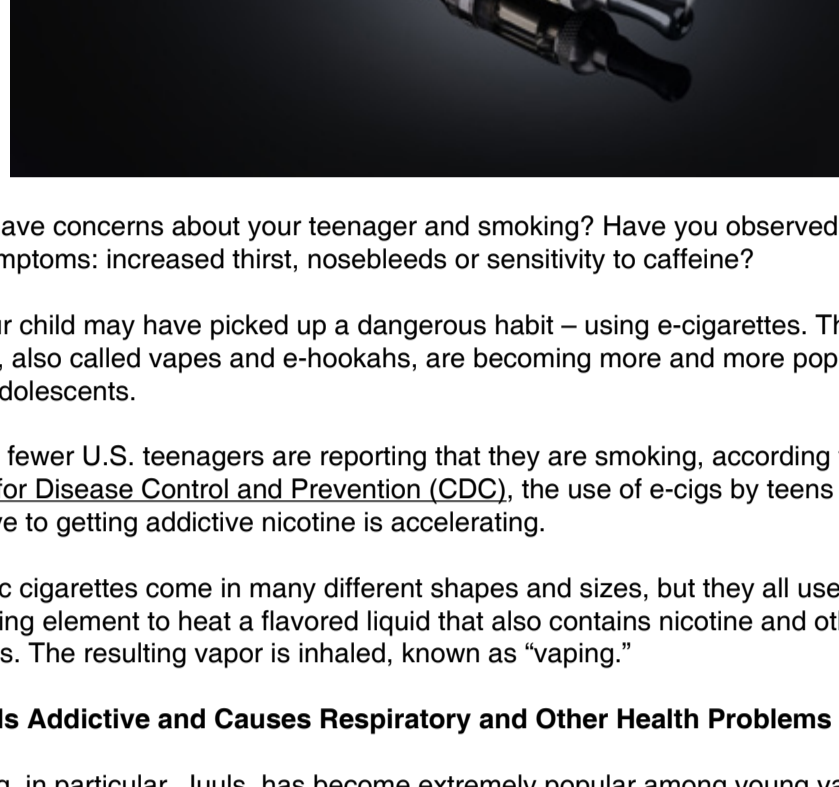
Who Can Bring a Claim of Wrongful Death?

To bring a wrongful death claim, you must be a "personal representative" of the deceased victim's estate. Examples include a surviving spouse, children, parents, brothers and sisters, or anyone else who was dependent financially on the victim.

Damages that may be claimed in a wrongful death case include loss of income, loss of services and protection, medical expenses, funeral expenses and other non-economic damages such as loss of companionship.

If you are a family member of someone who has died because of an accident, or due to the negligent or intentional acts of another, please contact us to discuss your rights with an **experienced wrongful death attorney**.

Juuling Is a Particularly Addictive Form of Vaping



Do you have concerns about your teenager and smoking? Have you observed any of these symptoms: increased thirst, nosebleeds or sensitivity to caffeine?

If so, your child may have picked up a dangerous habit – using e-cigarettes. These products, also called vapes and e-hookahs, are becoming more and more popular among adolescents.

Although fewer U.S. teenagers are reporting that they are smoking, according to the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**, the use of e-cigs by teens as an alternative to getting addictive nicotine is accelerating.

Electronic cigarettes come in many different shapes and sizes, but they all use a battery and heating element to heat a flavored liquid that also contains nicotine and other chemicals. The resulting vapor is inhaled, known as "vaping."

Juuling Is Addictive and Causes Respiratory and Other Health Problems

One e-cig, in particular, Juuls, has become extremely popular among young vapers. Manufactured by Juul Labs, Juul pods resemble USB flash drives and so can be used sneakily in school and other public venues.

The nicotine concentration in Juul pods may be up to twice as high as other vaping products, making them extremely addictive. A teenager's brain is still developing and they are therefore more susceptible to addiction, especially with the "head rush" that comes with vaping.

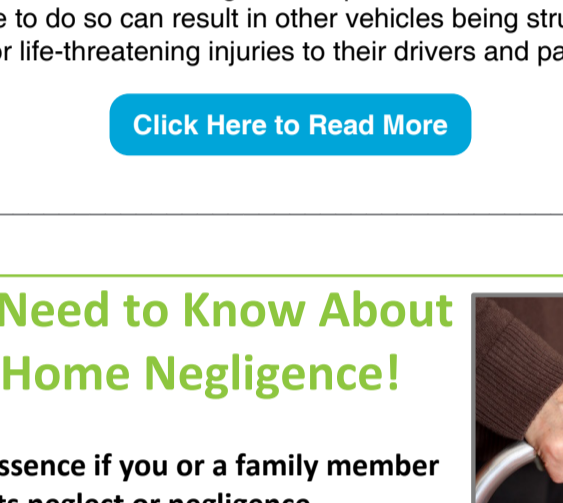
Juuling comes with health risks too, even though there is no tobacco smoke. Users are twice as likely to suffer from respiratory ailments as compared to those who don't use e-cigarettes. Juul pods can affect a teen's behavior and memory as well as their ability to learn and concentrate.

Juuling along with other e-cigarette use is a dangerous practice, particularly for adolescents. You can read more [here](#) about the dangers of e-cigarettes.

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

Accidents Caused by Unsecured Truck Loads

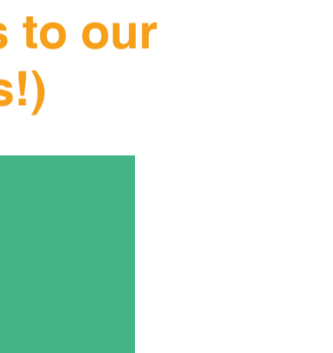


Anyone operating a vehicle in West Virginia is expected to secure any cargo or objects being hauled. Failure to do so can result in other vehicles being struck by debris, resulting in serious or life-threatening injuries to their drivers and passengers.

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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 of peers for referrals!)



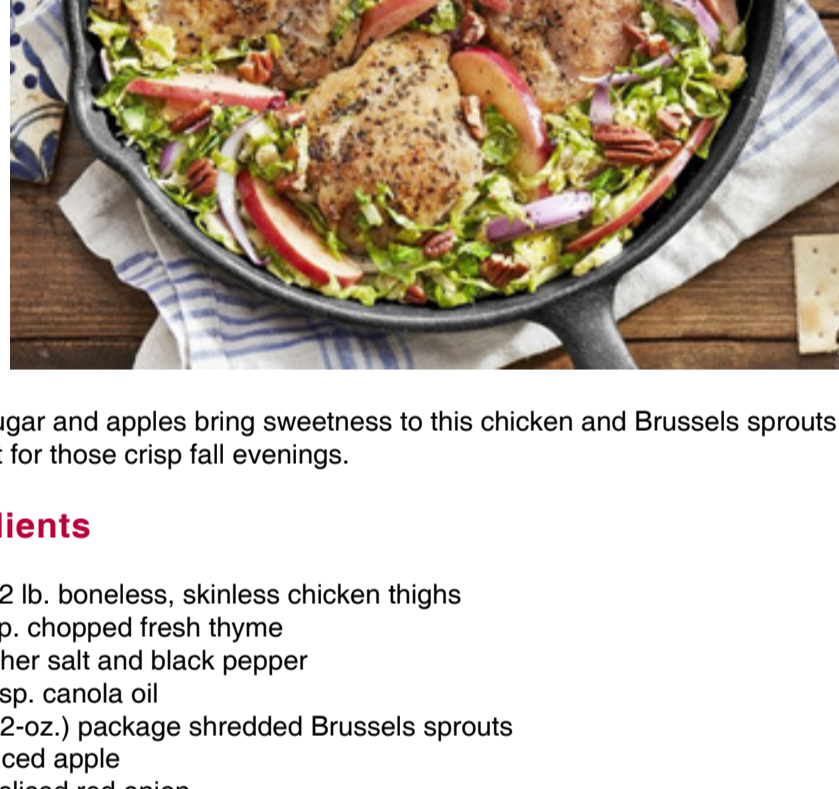
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We value those people who we have had the honor of representing, even many years after. We also value all of our friends, family and business associates in West Virginia and further afield.

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Recipe of the Month Skillet Chicken with Brussels Sprouts and Apples



Brown sugar and apples bring sweetness to this chicken and Brussels sprouts dish that is perfect for those crisp fall evenings.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 lb. boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 2 tsp. chopped fresh thyme
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- 1 tbsp. canola oil
- 1 (12-oz.) package shredded Brussels sprouts
- 1 sliced apple
- 1/2 sliced red onion
- 1 Chopped Garlic Clove
- 2 tbsp. white balsamic vinegar
- 2 tsp. brown sugar
- 1/3 c. chopped toasted pecans

Directions

1. Season chicken thighs with fresh thyme, and kosher salt and black pepper. Cook in canola oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until cooked through, 4 to 5 minutes per side; transfer to a plate.
2. Add shredded Brussels sprouts, apple, red onion, and garlic clove to skillet. Cook, tossing, until Brussels sprouts are wilted and onion has softened, 5 to 6 minutes. Stir in white balsamic vinegar and brown sugar. Season with kosher salt and black pepper.
3. Return chicken to pan and top with toasted pecans.

Recipe courtesy of CountryLiving.com



What's Happening in Charleston, WV

Oct 4 - 7
[Pumpkin Festival](#)
Milton, WV

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27
[Charleston Park Run 5K](#)
Magic Island Park
Charleston, WV

Oct 7
[Livingston Taylor](#)
Capital Center Theatre
Charleston, WV

Oct 10
[Melissa Etheridge](#)
Clay Center
Charleston, WV

Oct 12 - 13
[Charleston Ballet](#)
Charleston Civic Center
Charleston, WV

Oct 13
[Victory Cup Charleston Polo Match](#)
& [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#)
Hyde Park Farm & Polo Club
Charleston, WV

Oct 21
[MercyMe](#)
Charleston Civic Center
Charleston, WV

Oct 31 - Nov 1
[Halloween Pumpkin Run 5k](#)
[Cucu Clock Horror House](#)
Capitol Market
Charleston, WV

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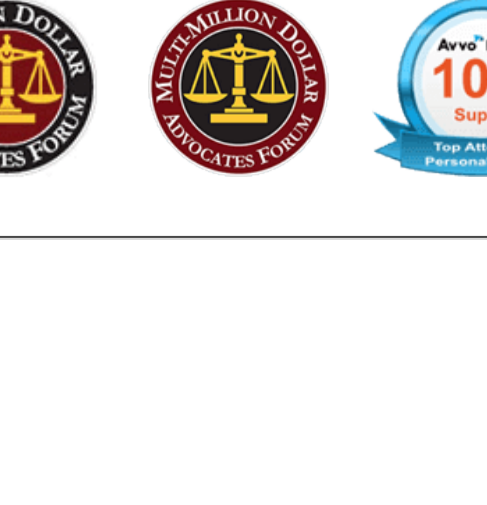
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