

Leading Causes of Auto Accidents in Missouri and Illinois Are Preventable



A tragic auto accident recently claimed the lives of 4 Trenton residents in northern Missouri.

The 20-year old driver appeared to have lost control of the vehicle and then overcorrected, sending it over an embankment. All 4 occupants were killed - **tragically, none appeared to have been wearing a seatbelt.**

Each year, thousands of Missouri and Illinois residents are hurt or killed in car accidents. In the 2 states combined there were 1,867 fatalities and more than 103,000 injured in 2015 traffic accidents (data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration).

Car Accidents - Leading Causes

The number of traffic fatalities attributable to alcohol or drug-impaired drivers continues to be much too high. Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs caused 26% of the deaths in Missouri, while the Illinois rate was significantly higher at 31%.

Speeding is another frequent problem, causing 36% of fatalities in both states.

Combined, these 2 primary accident causes - driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs and speeding - cause more than 60% of all traffic deaths - and they are both entirely preventable!

Other leading causes of traffic accidents include:

- Driving while distracted by cellphones, texting and other distractions
- Wrong-way driving
- Drowsy driving
- Driver error including improper lane change, failure to yield, overcorrections and traffic violations

Reducing the Number of Fatal Traffic Accidents

One important way to reduce the number of fatal auto accidents is to educate young drivers on the dangers of driving under the influence, speeding, driving while distracted and driving or riding without a seatbelt.

3 of the Trenton residents recently killed were ages 20 and below, including the driver. Research from AAA finds that teen drivers are 3 times more likely than adults to be involved in a deadly crash.

The AAA has coined the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day as "The 100 Deadly Days" when more teens die on U.S. roads. In fact, the average number of fatal teen driver crashes increases by 15% during this period.

Learn more about teen driving safety and the consequences of unsafe and illegal behavior behind the wheel:

- Missouri Department of Revenue Information for Teen Drivers
- Illinois Secretary of State Parent Teen Driving Guide
- AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety Teen Driving Website

Put Safety First When Enjoying Swimming Pools



Summer is here and many of us will be relaxing in a private swimming pool. Owning your own pool carries significant responsibility in terms of safety requirements to prevent tragic injury.

Both Missouri and Illinois have regulations for swimming pools with provisions such as barrier requirements, gate access and pool alarms. Many counties and municipalities also have local ordinances to which pool owners must adhere.

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death in children ages 1 to 4, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Injuries from being submerged, called near-drowning, result in more than 3,000 emergency room visits annually.

Reduce the Risk of a Swimming Pool Accident

Follow these common sense tips to avoid injury in a swimming pool accident:

- Children should never swim alone, even in portable or baby pools
- Research and implement all state and local ordinances on pool barriers, gate access and pool alarms.
- Take away portable ladders and flotation devices when not in use.
- Check that your spa and pool drains comply with anti-entrapment requirements.
- Teach your children beginning when they are very young to swim and how to act if they fall into water.
- Learn CPR.
- Keep lifesaving equipment readily accessible.
- Have your pool and spa professionally inspected regularly.

You can find more safety information in the CPSC Pool Safety brochure, including entrapment cautions, as well as Tips for Safety in and around Water and Portable Pool Tip Card.

If you or any family member has been injured in an auto accident or any other personal injury, it's important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. Call (866) 519-0085 for your initial free consultation. The Law Offices of Kevin J. Roach, LLC, can help you determine whether you need a lawyer for any incident or any personal injury case.

Recipe of the Month Fresh Blackberry Cobbler



A special occasion calls for a special dessert. Here's a quick and easy way to enjoy fresh blackberries for dessert.

Ingredients

- 4 cups fresh blackberries
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted
- Whipped cream or ice cream (optional)
- Garnish: fresh mint sprig

Directions

Preheat oven to 375°. Place blackberries in a lightly greased 8-inch square baking dish; sprinkle with lemon juice. Stir together egg, sugar, and flour in a medium bowl until mixture resembles coarse meal. Sprinkle over fruit. Drizzle melted butter over topping. Bake at 375° for 35 minutes or until lightly browned and bubbly. Let stand 10 minutes. Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream, if desired. Garnish with fresh mint sprig.

For a neat presentation, bake for the same amount of time in 6 (8-oz.) ramekins on an aluminum foil-lined baking sheet.

St. Louis Cardinals Busch Stadium July Schedule

<https://www.mlb.com/cardinals/schedule/2017-07/list?homeGame=true>



Jul 1	Washington Nationals (Replica 1942 World Series Championship Ring)
Jul 2	Washington Nationals (Adult Patriotic Cowboy Hat)
Jul 3	Miami Marlins (Fireworks Night)
Jul 4	Miami Marlins (Adult Patriotic Cardinals Socks)
Jul 5	Miami Marlins (Theme Ticket - Game of Thrones Night)
Jul 6	Miami Marlins (Theme Ticket - Kids Day Out)
Jul 7	New York Mets (Adult Performance T-Shirt)
Jul 8	New York Mets (Tim McCarver Bubblehead)
Jul 9	New York Mets (Cardinals Snapback Hat)
Jul 24	Colorado Rockies (Theme Ticket - Soccer Night)
Jul 25	Colorado Rockies (Theme Ticket - Bud Bash - Ozzie Smith)
Jul 26	Colorado Rockies (Theme Ticket - Star Wars Night)
Jul 27	Arizona Diamondbacks (Theme Ticket - Charlie Brown & Peanuts 50th Anniversary)
Jul 28	Arizona Diamondbacks (Replica 1967 World Series Championship Trophy)
Jul 29	Arizona Diamondbacks (Adult Replica 1919 Jersey)
Jul 30	Arizona Diamondbacks (Kids Pocket T-Shirt)

What's Happening in Saint Louis

July 2 - 4

Fair St. Louis
Art Hill in Forest Park
St. Louis, MO
<http://www.fairsaintlouis.org/>

July 2 - 4

2017 Heritage and Freedom Fest
Fort Zumwalt State Park
O'fallon, MO
<https://www.fairsandfestivals.net/events/details/2017-heritage-and-freedom-fest>

July 12

Santana
Fabulous Fox Theatre
St. Louis, MO
<http://stlouis.eventful.com/events/santana-/E0-001-099623517-9>

July 13 - 19

All Shook Up
St. Louis Theatre
St. Louis, MO
<https://www.saint-louis-theatre.com/theaters/the-muny/all-shook-up.php>

July 20

GeeklyCon 2017
Crowne Plaza
St. Louis, MO
<http://stlouis.eventful.com/events/geeklycon-2017-/E0-001-100738756-2>

July 22

Beacon Pathway to Hope Run/Walk 5K
Belleville West High School
West Belleville, IL
<http://www.active.com/belleville-il/running/distance-running-races/beacon-pathway-to-hope-run-walk-5k-2017?int=pe-run-walk-5k-2017?int=>

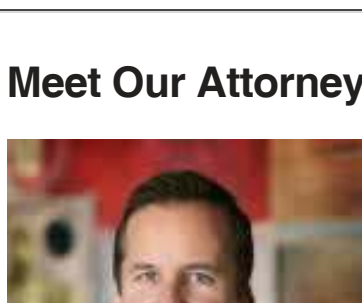
July 28 - 30

Mama Mia
St. Louis Theatre
St. Louis, MO
<https://www.saint-louis-theatre.com/theaters/fabulous-fox-theatre/mamma-mia.php>

July 29

2017 5-O 5K Run/Walk
Collinsville Police Department
Collinsville, IL
<http://www.active.com/collinsville-il/running/distance-running-races/5-o-5k-run-walk-2017?int=72-3-A2>

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