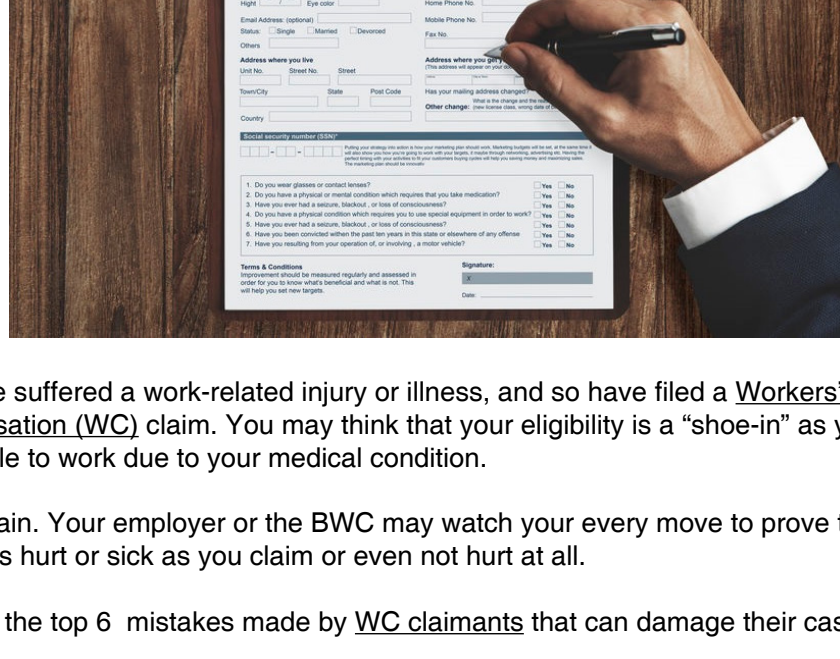


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6 Mistakes That Can Damage Your Workers' Compensation Claim



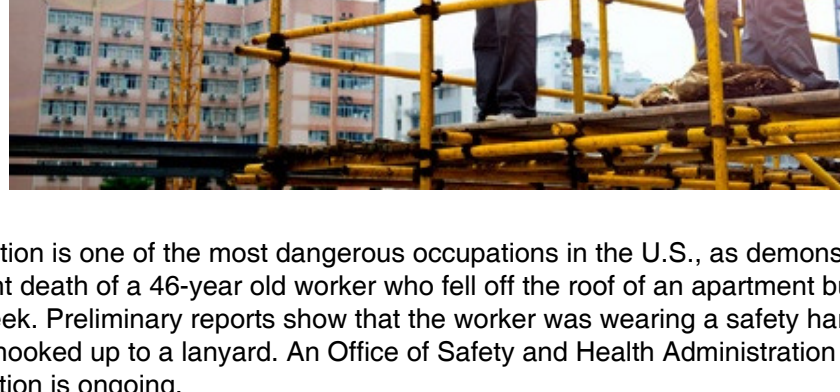
You have suffered a work-related injury or illness, and so have filed a **Workers' Compensation (WC)** claim. You may think that your eligibility is a "shoe-in" as you truly are unable to work due to your medical condition.

Think again. Your employer or the BWC may watch your every move to prove that you are not as hurt or sick as you claim or even not hurt at all.

Here are the top 6 mistakes made by **WC claimants** that can damage their case:

1. **Not getting medical attention.** When you are hurt in an accident, you may feel that it isn't a serious enough injury to go to the emergency room or even to see your doctor. This is a mistake! The foundation of your WC case is establishing that you are hurt and that your injuries were caused by your job-related accident or illness. Seek out medical attention immediately so a doctor can document your injury, symptoms and treatment plan. And always follow through with subsequent appointments.
2. **Not reporting your injury to your employer.** You must report any work-related injury to your employer. Without that report, you may not get WC benefits and your medical expenses may not even be covered by your own private health insurance company. You have one year to file a WC claim to the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) using a form which is available on the BWC's website or by retaining an attorney experienced in the field of workers compensation.
3. **Not keeping records.** You need to be on top of all records to prove eligibility for WC. Take notes about the scene of the accident and photos if possible. Gather witness names. List all symptoms, medical appointments, medical treatments, tests and all results. Write down why you are unable to work because of your injury and how it affects your personal life.
4. **Believing that your employer will look out for you.** In truth, your employer does not want to spend any extra money, and so your company will try to pay as little as possible on your claim.
5. **Posting on social media.** Stay away from Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other social media sites. Don't post any photos of the accident or your injuries and avoid showing any subsequent activities. Your employer or the BWC may be watching for any sign that you are not as injured as you claim.
6. **Not consulting with an experienced Ohio Workers' Compensation attorney.** Don't go it alone! Our team here will work with you to make sure that you get the medical help and appropriate compensation for your illness or injury. Your employer may have their own lawyers and/or private investigators working to deny your claim – let us help on you!

Construction Accidents and Personal Injury



Construction is one of the most dangerous occupations in the U.S., as demonstrated by the recent death of a 46-year old worker who fell off the roof of an apartment building in Sugar Creek. Preliminary reports show that the worker was wearing a safety harness but was not hooked up to a lanyard. An Office of Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) investigation is ongoing.

More than one-fifth of all worker deaths in 2017 were in construction. Falling is the leading cause of private-sector construction fatalities, followed by being struck by an object, electrocution and being caught in equipment, material or a structure.

Construction Worker Injury

When a worker or non-worker is injured or killed at or near a construction site, they may be able to make a **personal injury** claim for their injuries. If **Workers' Compensation (WC)** rules apply, the worker may be able to make a WC claim to his or her direct employer.

If, however, a contractor on the worksite causes the accident, the employee can apply for **WC and** also may be able to sue the contractor for personal injury. There are many nuances in Ohio Workers' Compensation law and the ability to also make a personal injury claim, so it is important to review your injury case with an **Ohio attorney experienced in both WC and personal injury law.**

Non-Worker Construction Injury

Premises liability law applies to non-workers who are injured at or near construction sites. Contractors must warn the public of dangerous conditions and, in some cases, to make those conditions safe.

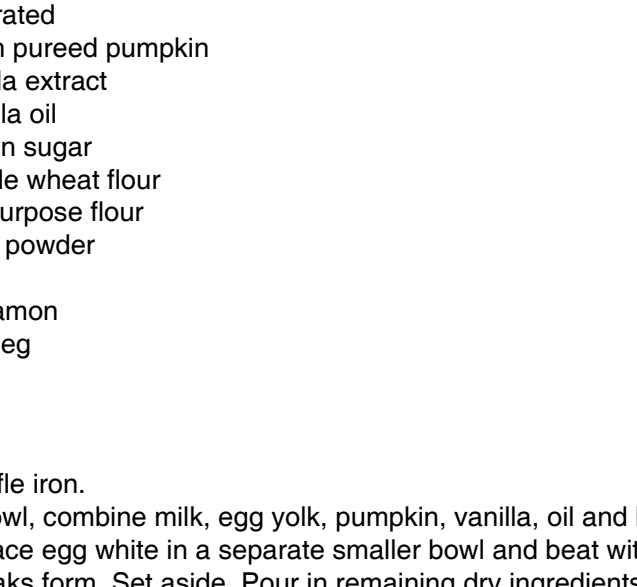
In some situations, if a contractor does not take proper safety precautions, that contractor may be liable for any injury that results from that negligence.

If you or a loved one has been harmed by any type of **personal injury** or has been denied **Worker's Compensation** or **Social Security Disability (SSD)** benefits, it's important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. Call **1 (800) 589-6611** for your initial, free consultation, either in our office or if you are unable to travel by telephone conference. **Heller, Maas, Moro & Magill, Co., L.P.A.**, a **workplace injury and Social Security disability law firm located in Youngstown**, can help you navigate the application process for the best possible outcome for you and your family.

It's ghouls' night out! Have a fun Halloween!



Recipe of the Month Whole Wheat Pumpkin Waffles



Fall flavors abound in these pumpkin waffles! A great option for a leisurely Sunday breakfast or freeze them to eat through the week.

Ingredients

- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg, separated
- 1/2 cup plain pureed pumpkin
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 Tbsp canola oil
- 2 Tbsp brown sugar
- 3/4 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp nutmeg

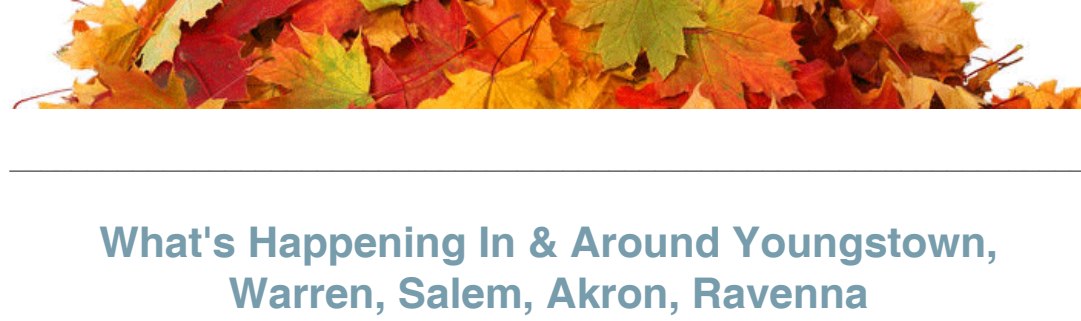
Directions

1. Preheat waffle iron.
2. In a large bowl, combine milk, egg yolk, pumpkin, vanilla, oil and brown sugar together. Place egg white in a separate smaller bowl and beat with a hand mixer until firm peaks form. Set aside. Pour in remaining dry ingredients to the wet and slowly incorporate. Fold egg whites into waffle batter.
3. Spray waffle iron with non-stick cooking spray. Pour about 1/2 cup of batter onto waffle iron. Close the top slowly. Cook about 2 minutes or until waffles are crispy.
4. Serve immediately with butter and maple syrup.

Recipe courtesy of Lauren's Latest

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Nov 15
Trans-Siberian Orchestra
Covelli Centre
Youngstown, OH

Nov 17
Three Dog Night
W. D. Packard Music Hall
Warren, OH

Nov 24
The Temptations
MGM Northfield Park
Northfield, OH

Dec 14
Christmas In Bedford Falls
"It's A Wonderful Life"
Bedford Commons
Bedford, OH

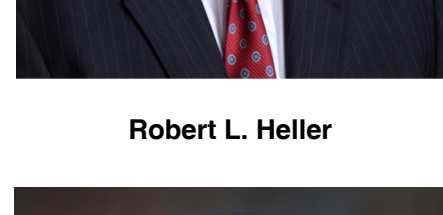
Dec 19
Celtic Woman
Stambaugh Auditorium
Youngstown, OH

Dec 22
Mannheim Steamroller Christmas
EJ Thomas Performing Arts Hall
Akron, OH

Jan 10
Vince Neil
MGM Northfield Park
Northfield, OH

Jan 26
The University Of Akron Steel Drum Band
Akron Civic Theatre
Akron, OH

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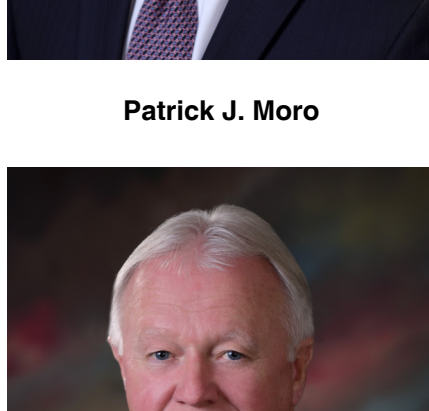
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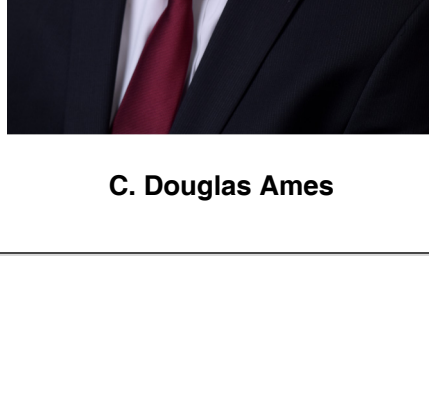
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