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Does Workers' Compensation Cover Lost Income?



If you or a family member has been injured on the job, you may wonder what exactly Workers' Compensation covers.

Workers' Compensation (WC) pays medical and hospital expenses as necessary to diagnose and treat your injury or illness. But it also pays disability payments because you are unable to work until you can return to the job.

Ohio Workers' Compensation Payments

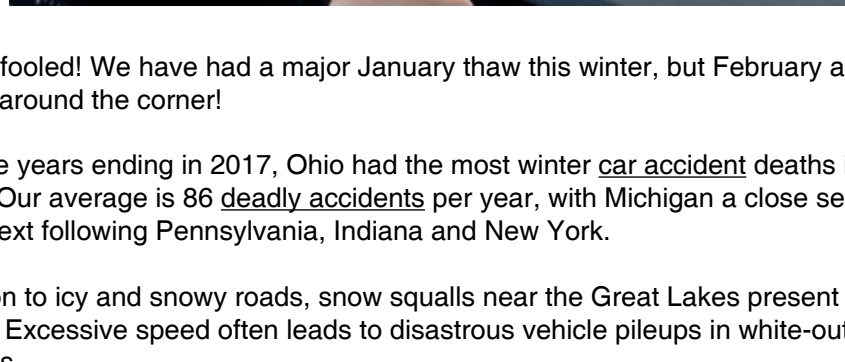
WC payments - differ by state. An injured Ohio worker may receive benefits, which are intended to replace the paychecks that you are missing because of your injury. Generally, the payments are based on the wages earned over the prior year.

- A worker who experienced a total but temporary injury may receive benefits of 72% of the average weekly wage for the first 12 weeks. After 12 weeks, the payment is reduced to two-thirds of that average. There is also a maximum to the amount an injured worker may receive weekly. Payments will continue until they return to work, reach maximum medical improvement, or are certified able to return to work by their physician.
- An injured worker may be entitled to wage loss benefits, meaning that you can work in some capacity but not your normal earnings. Again, there are restrictions and a maximum amount and length of time.
- A worker who is found to have a permanent impairment that isn't total may receive a permanent partial disability award. This benefit is based on the body part that is injured, by a percentage of overall disability, or an award for serious disfigurement.

Even though the benefit payments are not equal to the injured workers' most recent rate of pay, the actual payments that most WC recipients get will be closer to that rate as they are not taxable.

In addition to covering medical expenses and providing disability benefits, Ohio WC may also provide mileage reimbursement for travel to get medical treatment, vocational rehabilitation services; living maintenance benefits while you are enrolled in a vocational rehabilitation plan; survivor, and funeral benefits in the event of death.

Reducing the Risk of Winter Auto Accidents



Don't be fooled! We have had a major January thaw this winter, but February and March are right around the corner!

In the five years ending in 2017, Ohio had the most winter car accident deaths in the country. Our average is 86 deadly accidents per year, with Michigan a close second at 83 and next following Pennsylvania, Indiana and New York.

In addition to icy and snowy roads, snow squalls near the Great Lakes present particular dangers. Excessive speed often leads to disastrous vehicle pileups in white-out conditions.

To reduce the risk of a vehicle accident on snowy, icy roads, be prepared and know how to operate your car in bad weather.

Here are our top 4 tips for winter driving:

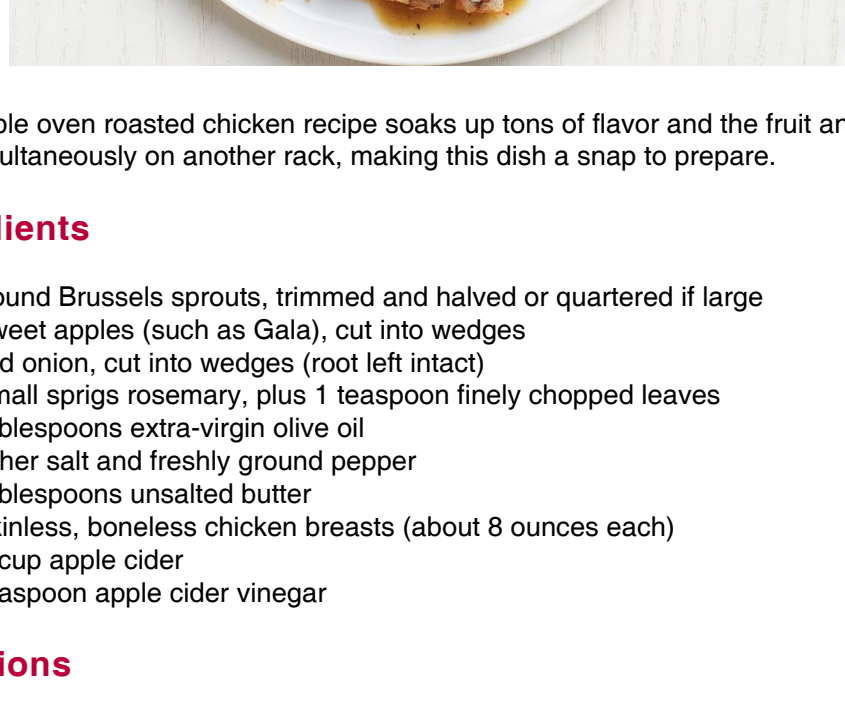
1. Check that your car is in good operating condition. Switch to snow tires or at least check that your all-weather tires have adequate tread. Replace windshield wipers if necessary and keep your washer reservoirs filled.
2. In a winter storm, stay home if possible! If you must go out, warm up the car ahead of time and make sure that all snow and ice is cleared from the windows, roof and lights.
3. Slow down. You may have to drive more slowly than the speed limit allows to give yourself extra braking room. Remember that all car types, even four- or all-wheel drive vehicles will skid on icy roads.
4. Watch for icy bridges, ramps and overpasses even if roadways are clear. Anticipate black ice that is almost impossible to see, even after roads have been cleared.

Learn more about winter driving safety from the [Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness](#).

If you or a loved one has been harmed by any type of personal injury or has been denied Workers' 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., LPA, 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.



Recipe of the Month Chicken with Brussels Sprouts and Apple Cider Sauce



This simple oven roasted chicken recipe soaks up tons of flavor and the fruit and veggies cook simultaneously on another rack, making this dish a snap to prepare.

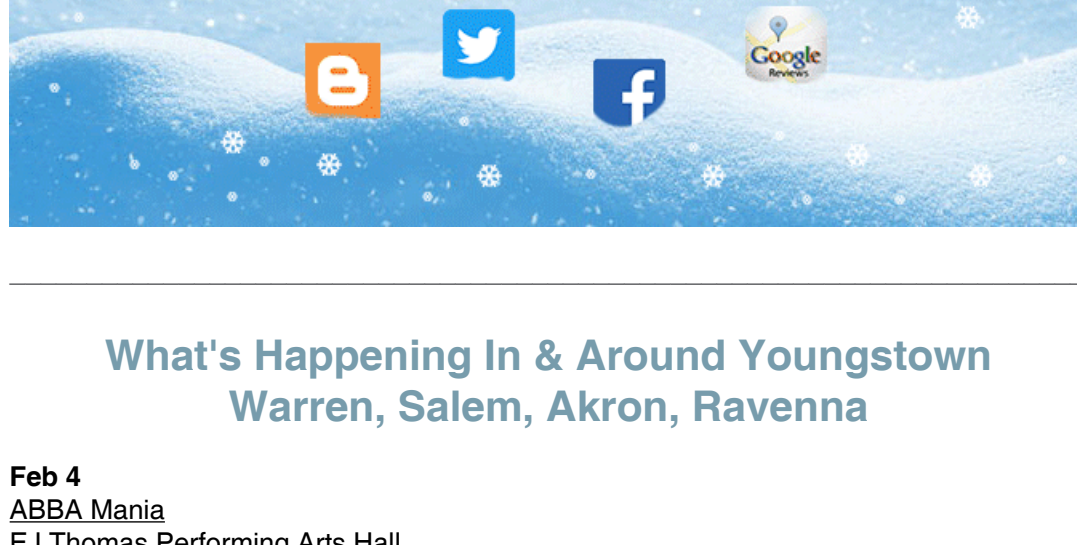
Ingredients

- 1 pound Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved or quartered if large
- 2 sweet apples (such as Gala), cut into wedges
- 1 red onion, cut into wedges (root left intact)
- 2 small sprigs rosemary, plus 1 teaspoon finely chopped leaves
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts (about 8 ounces each)
- 2/3 cup apple cider
- 1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar

Directions

1. Position racks in the upper and lower thirds of the oven; preheat to 450 degrees F. Toss the Brussels sprouts, apples, red onion and rosemary sprigs with the olive oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper on a baking sheet. Spread in a single layer and roast on the upper oven rack, flipping halfway through, until tender and browned, 25 to 30 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon butter in a large ovenproof skillet over medium-high heat. Season the chicken on both sides with salt, pepper and the chopped rosemary. Add the chicken to the skillet and cook until browned on the bottom, about 6 minutes. Flip and cook 2 more minutes, then pour the cider into the skillet around the chicken. Transfer to the lower oven rack and roast until just cooked through, 10 to 12 minutes.
3. Transfer the chicken to a cutting board to rest and return the skillet to medium-high heat. Simmer until the pan sauce is reduced by half, about 1 minute. Remove from the heat and swirl in the remaining 1 tablespoon butter and the vinegar; season with salt and pepper.
4. Slice the chicken and divide among plates along with the roasted vegetables and apple. Spoon the sauce over the chicken.

Recipe courtesy of [Food Network Magazine](#)



What's Happening In & Around Youngstown Warren, Salem, Akron, Ravenna

Feb 4
ABBA Mania
EJ Thomas Performing Arts Hall
Akron, OH

Feb 14
The Oakridge Boys
Stambaugh Auditorium
Youngstown, OH

Feb 21
MercyMe
Covelli Centre
Youngstown, OH

Mar 5
Three Dog Night
Akron Civic Theatre
Akron, OH

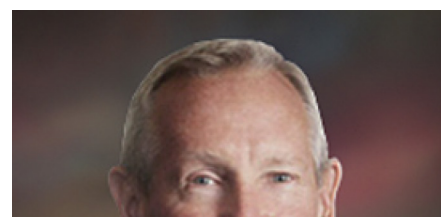
March 12
Laurn Hill
MGM Northfield Park
Northfield, OH

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Newsboys
Stambaugh Auditorium
Youngstown, OH

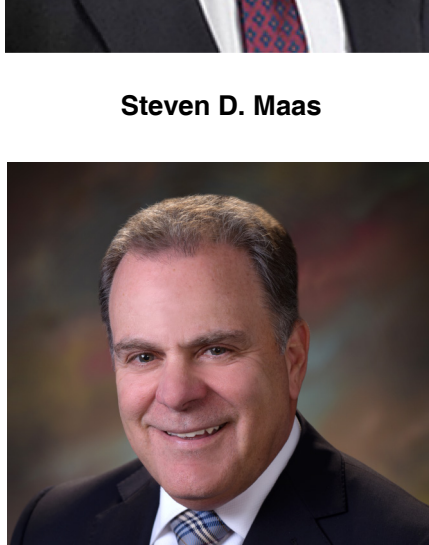
Apr 16
Chicago
MGM Northfield Park
Northfield, OH

Apr 28
The Gattlin Brothers
W. D. Packard Music Hall
Warren, OH

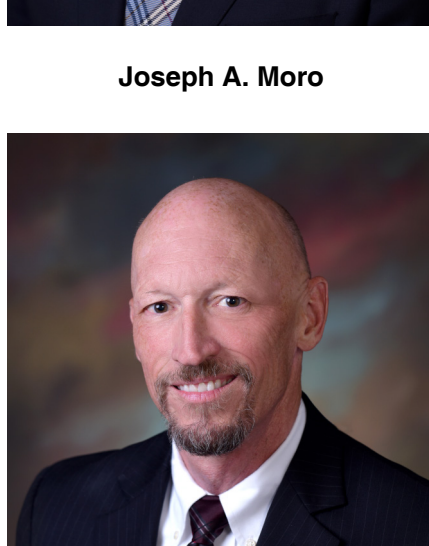
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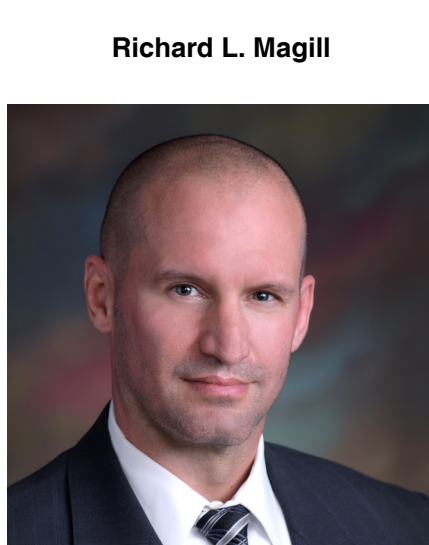
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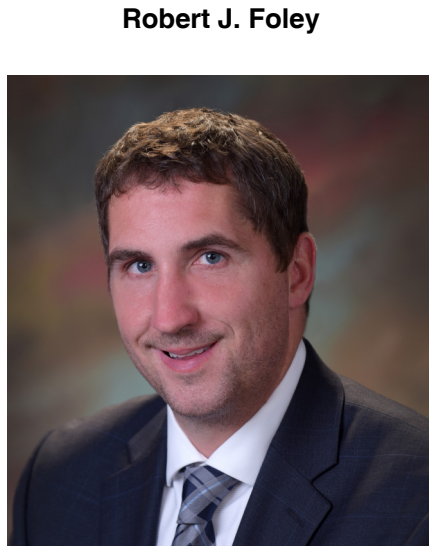
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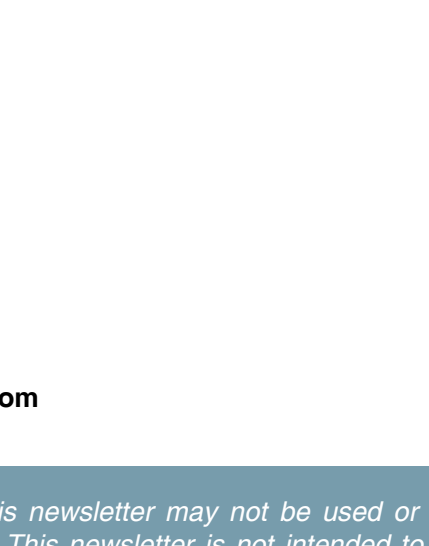
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