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**Suffer A Hernia While Working?
 You Must Act Quickly**

By Jeremy Lindemann

Hernia are treated differently than other injuries under New Jersey Workers' Compensation law in that there is a very strict notice requirement. Under N.J.S.A. 34:15-12(c) (23), notice must be given to an employer within 48 hours of the occurrence of a hernia for it to be considered compensable. There are certain limited



exceptions such as when a doctor appointment is not scheduled and/or the hernia is not diagnosed within 48 hours. There is also an exception if the injury occurs on a Friday and is not reported until the following Monday. This notice requirement is rigidly enforced by Workers' Compensation

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**Recovering Compensation If
 A Dog Bites You**

Watching out for dogs that bite is good advice for pet owners and animal lovers alike. If a bite occurs, it's important to know the law about responsibility for the injury, and damages.

Dog bites are common — each year nearly five million Americans are bitten by dogs, with over half the victims being children. Dog bites are one of the top causes of emergency room visits.

gets one free bite” was once a correct statement of the law. Owners were liable for the acts of a pet only if it was known to be vicious. The old rule began changing many years ago, at least as to pet dogs.

Some states, including New

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Liability For Dog Bites

The old saying that “every dog

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Safety Alert Automobile & Product Recalls

- Chevrolet Trax (2015-2018). On certain vehicles, the lower control arm may separate, impacting the vehicle's handling and steering. For more information, call Chevrolet at 1-800-222-1020.
- Ford F-250 and F-350 (2019). On certain vehicles, a rear axle shaft may fail prematurely and cause the loss of drive power and unintended vehicle movement. For more information, call Ford at 1-866-436-7332.
- Chevrolet Malibu (2018). On certain vehicles, due to a software problem the fuel injectors may become disabled. This can prevent the engine from starting and may cause a stall. For more information, call GM at 1-800-630-2438.
- Subaru Forester (2015-2018). On certain vehicles, an electrical connection in the front passenger seat for the Occupant Detection System may loosen. If the connection loosens, the front passenger airbag may deactivate, increasing the risk of injury in a crash. For more information, call Subaru at 1-844-373-6614.
- Ford Explorer (2020). On certain vehicles, the wiring harness may not have been properly secured and may contact the air conditioner compressor (A/C) pulley, potentially damaging the harness or the A/C belt and resulting in a short circuit and a fire. For more information, call Ford at 1-866-436-7332.
- GreatCall Lively Mobile Plus Emergency Alert Devices (certain models and manufacturing dates). The call button can fail when pushed by the consumer in an emergency. For more information, call GreatCall at 1-800-359-1791.
- MATVRÅ Infant Bibs sold at IKEA (certain styles). The snap on the bibs can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. For more information, call IKEA at 1-888-966-4532.
- Whirlpool, KitchenAid and Jenn Air glass cooktops with touch controls (various models). Surface elements can turn on by themselves, posing burn and fire hazards. For more information, call Whirlpool at 1-888-900-7897.
- Gordon Folding Knives sold at Harbor Freight Tools. The locking mechanism can fail to engage when the blade is extended, posing a hazard. For more information, call Harbor Freight Tools at 1-800-444-3353.

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Courts and therefore, if you suffer a hernia during the course of your employment or even if you suspect you have, it is important that you report it as soon as possible to preserve your right to Workers' Compensation benefits.

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Here at Aronberg, Kouser, Snyder & Lindemann, we have handled numerous cases of this type over the years and we have the knowledge and experience necessary to assist you in these matters. Should you suspect that you have suffered a work related injury, report it immediately and contact us for further guidance on what benefits are available to you if this happens. We will be happy to assist you.

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Distracted Driving: A Major Safety Problem

Distracted driving is a major safety problem despite laws in most states banning the use of handheld cell phones. Every day in the U.S. nearly 10 people die and 1,000 are injured in accidents involving distracted drivers.

It's vital to avoid distracted driving. Nearly 70% of drivers talk on a cell phone while driving and over 30% text. Sending or reading a text diverts your



attention for about 5 seconds — in that time a car going 55 can travel the length of a football field.

Distracted driving is more than just using a phone. It includes anything you do that takes your attention from driving, including eating, drinking and using in vehicle technologies.

It's also vital for parents to stress to their children the serious risks of distracted driving. Teenage drivers have the most distraction related deadly accidents — accidents that are easily preventable.

Are You Protected? A Checklist To Make Sure You Have The Right Auto Insurance

YES	NO	
	✓	Basic Policy
✓		Standard Policy
✓		Liability Coverage (A minimum of \$100,000 or the highest limits you can afford up to \$500,000).
✓		Uninsured Motorist Coverage (A minimum of \$100,000 or the highest limits you can afford up to \$500,000).
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✓		PIP Medical Expense Benefits (\$250,000)
	✓	PIP Medical Expense Benefits (less than \$250,000)
	✓	Pre-certification of Medical Treatment
✓		No Limitation on Lawsuit Option
	✓	Limitation on Lawsuit Option

WARNING: The Basic Policy provides no liability coverage if someone makes a claim against you and no uninsured motorist coverage if the careless driver who caused the accident has no insurance. If you are sued, you will not have any insurance to pay a judgment against you; your insurance company will not assign a lawyer to represent you; and you may lose your credit rating and your driver's license. NEVER BUY A BASIC POLICY.



Our firm receives many new clients as a result of referrals from clients and other friends of our firm. We would like to thank everyone who refers friends and family to our firm. We appreciate the trust and confidence you show in us by making these referrals.

We welcome and continue to encourage referrals, and we will strive to provide top quality legal service to everyone you refer.

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How Much Auto Liability Coverage and Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Coverage Should You Have?

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Recovering Compensation for Dog Bites,

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Jersey and Pennsylvania, passed laws making owners responsible to anyone bitten by their dog, whether or not it was known to be vicious. Today, most places hold dog owners responsible for damages caused when their dog bites someone. But even this simple rule has exceptions. For example, a dog's owner may not be liable for injuries the dog inflicts on a person who ignores warnings that the dog is vicious and may bite.

What To Do If A Dog Bites You

If a dog bites you, there are several things to do to protect your rights. Get the owner's name, address, phone number and insurance company. Also get the names, addresses and phone numbers of witnesses, and make notes on the incident.

See a doctor, even if your injuries seem minor. A doctor will help prevent minor injuries from getting worse and tell you if you need rabies shots.

Call Our Law Firm Promptly

You should call our law firm to learn your rights. As noted above, in most states dog owners are liable for injuries their dog causes unless

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the victim ignored proper warnings. In many cases, the dog owner's insurance will be your source of compensation. Dog bite victims generally can be compensated for many things, including medical bills, lost wages, pain and suffering, and scarring. It's important to call us promptly, as there are deadlines to make claims.



In Case Of An Accident

No one expects to be in an accident. But if you are in one, please call us to find out about your rights. We handle all types of personal injury cases, and we will fight to obtain the maximum compensation for your injuries and losses.

Thank you for letting us serve your legal needs.

Se Habla Español

Por favor, contacte nuestra oficina legal hoy para concertar una cita con un abogado que habla español. Estaremos encantados de hablar con usted.

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And Best Wishes For A Happy & Healthy 2020

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