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From the Captain's Log Take Me Out to the Ball Park

Been a long winter here in NH, not sure it was the coldest, but it seemed so. Not one for winter sports any longer, the snow and cold are not my friends, but to break up the cold with a few winter trips to FL are a welcome relief. Having my Mom living in Ft. Myers makes a great two-for, get some warmth and visit with her. As she keeps telling me, "Christopher at my age I am not sure how many more years I have left". I remind her that she is "only" 83.

So off on the Monday early bird special out of Logan, we land in Ft. Myers at 10:00 am. The Avis rental agent tells me that the car I reserved is no longer available so they have to upgrade me to a Dodge Charger R/T. 600 h.p. of pure fun to the delight of my teenage daughter and chagrin of my wife.

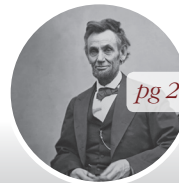


We head over to Captiva Island and meet up my Mom, and my wife's Mom, along the way. The Muddy Duck restaurant on Captiva Island is always a treat. It's mid-week so the wait is not long. On the way back to Ft. Myers we hit the DQ, my daughter is in heaven. The next day my Mom and I head to the Red Sox spring training camp in Ft. Myers to select some choice tics at the box office for tomorrow's game. While you can get them on-line, picking them out before hand, in person, is the way to go. The following day we all head to JetBlue Park and the weather is absolutely beautiful, low 80's and sunny. \$9 beers and \$5 waters, but you're there to see the Red Sox. The Championship Banners surround the stadium, but there is probably room for this year's addition. Our handpicked seats are looking down at home plate where you can see the twitch of the bat, and the sweat on the brow of the batters, and up comes Mookie Betts.

Yes, another banner is coming to Boston. ●



April 2019 News





When Medications Are Hazardous to Your Health

Prescription-medication errors are a common form of medical negligence. The Food and Drug Administration estimates that over 1.3 million Americans are harmed by medication errors each year, some fatally.

Sometimes a patient is at fault by failing to follow clear instructions. In other circumstances, however, physicians (and/or affiliated hospitals), nurses, pharmacists, and drug manufacturers may be responsible. The most widespread mistakes include patients receiving the wrong medication or being prescribed incorrect dosages. In addition, healthcare providers might fail to account for a patient's drug allergies, overlook potential adverse drug interactions, or neglect to inform patients of common side effects. Manufacturer and pharmacy mislabeling issues can also harm patients.

Miscommunication between physicians and pharmacists can play a significant role, too. Many medication names sound alike when spoken or have similar spellings to others, which can lead to errors. Notorious physician penmanship can contribute as well. In many areas of the country, the transition from handwritten prescriptions to electronic prescriptions has been a godsend.

Patients should inform their physicians and pharmacists of all over-the-counter medications and dietary supplements they are taking. These can negatively interact with prescription medications.

It's advisable for patients to utilize the same pharmacy for all their prescriptions, which can be invaluable for the pharmacy in keeping tabs on potential drug interactions. Roughly one-third of U.S. adults take five or more prescription medications each day.

Ask questions of your physician and/or pharmacist; obtain clarification. Check the medicine container to verify the prescription and that your name is on it.

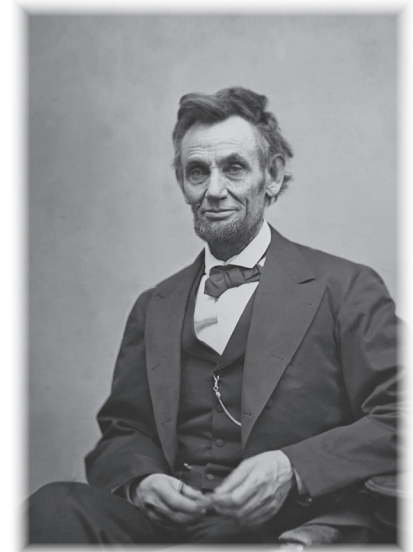
If you are injured by a medication error, contact a medical malpractice attorney to protect your rights. •

Historical Extras on Lincoln's Assassination

On April 14, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. A single shot from 26-year-old John Wilkes Booth punctuated the end of the Civil War. Robert E. Lee had surrendered four days earlier, but Booth believed that the Civil War was not yet over because Confederate General Joseph Johnston's army was still fighting the Union Army.

Lincoln's assassination was part of a much broader conspiracy. Booth and his fellow conspirators also planned on bumping off Vice President Andrew Johnson and Secretary of State William Seward concurrently, at different locations. The attack on Johnson was aborted; Seward was shot, but recovered. Ulysses Grant had been targeted, too, at Ford's Theatre. He and his wife were originally scheduled to accompany the Lincolns, but tension between the wives prompted "other plans." The ultimate goal for Booth, a Confederate, was to cripple the Union government in one fell swoop.

After the assassination, Booth fled on horseback to southern Maryland. Twelve days later he arrived at a farm in rural northern Virginia where he was tracked down. Booth's companion gave himself up, but Booth refused and was shot. Eight other conspirators were tried and convicted. Four were hanged shortly after. •



Slip and Falls in NH



If you have suffered from a slip and fall in NH, you're not alone. More than one million people in the US visit the emergency room every year because of an injury due to a slip and fall. Can you sue after a slip and fall? Who is liable? What do you need to do after the accident? Every slip and fall case is unique, so be sure to consult with a knowledgeable personal injury attorney in New Hampshire about the specifics of your case. Here's what you generally need to know if you've been injured:

Can You Sue?

If you've been hurt because of someone else's negligence, you may be able to

bring a claim. It is important to remember the business or store is only liable in a slip and fall personal injury case if they have been negligent in fixing the unsafe condition that caused you become injured. Tripping over your own shoelace does not mean you can sue the business owner, but if you slipped in water with no caution sign in sight or tripped over an unrepaired, protruding threshold, you may have a personal injury case in NH.

Who Can You Sue?

Once you verify that your injury was a result of someone else's negligence, it's time to consider who is at fault. This will vary depending on the specifics of your case. The at fault party could be the store owner, the landlord or someone else. It's important to discuss your case with a personal injury lawyer to understand which is applicable in your case. This part can become complex depending on the situation. For example, if you slipped in water, it could be the fault of the landlord who neglected repairing a leaky pipe. Conversely, if you slipped on the floor because the owner's employee had just waxed and neglected to display a caution sign, it could be the fault of the store owner.

What to Do after a Slip and Fall Accident

Whether or not you know for sure that you have a case, it is important to gather necessary evidence in the event you proceed with a personal injury suit.

- **Assess the scene** - Take photos and videos to document the cause of your slip and fall accident in New Hampshire. If there was video cameras present, demand that the company preserve the video evidence.
- **Identify any witnesses to your accident** - Witnesses can verify your version of events giving you a lot of credibility in your personal injury case. If possible, obtain the witness' name, phone number, address, email address and a description of what they witnessed.
- **File official reports** - The business may want to document an official report for their records. Make the statement without embellishment and include all pertinent information.
- **Write down your own notes** - As soon as possible, write down all details of the event. The longer you wait, the more you will forget. Also, keep track of any injuries, pain and symptoms.
- **Seek Medical Attention** - Most importantly, if you've been injured get medical attention right away. This is the first and most important step in ensuring your health and building your case. Some injuries may not be apparent directly after your slip and fall accident, especially head injuries. A doctor will know what to look for after a fall, so it is always best to get treated immediately following the accident.

Contact a New Hampshire Slip and Fall Attorney Today

If you've been injured in a slip and fall accident because of someone else's negligence, consult an attorney today to start building your case to get the care and compensation you deserve. We're here to make your personal injury claim go as smoothly as possible. Contact our knowledgeable personal injury attorneys today. ●

April 2019 Notable Dates

April 3
National Walking Day

April 5
National Flash Drive Day

April 9
National Cherish an Antique Day

April 12
National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day

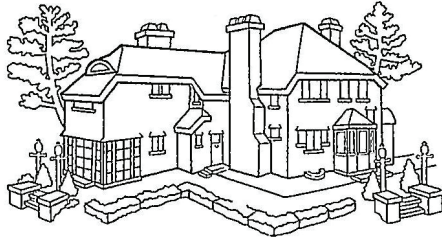
April 17
National Bat Appreciation Day

April 23
National Talk Like Shakespeare Day

April 27
National Pool Opening Day

April 30
National Honesty Day

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Cathy's Corner

The World's Oldest Parliament

The Alþingi of Iceland is the longest running parliament in the world. Its establishment as an outdoor assembly held on the plains of *Pingvellir* ("Thing Fields") from about the year 930 AD laid the foundation for an independent national existence in Iceland. To begin with, the Althing was a general assembly of the Icelandic Commonwealth where the country's most powerful leaders met to decide on legislation and dispense justice. All free men could attend the assemblies, which were usually the main social event of the year. The assemblies drew large crowds of farmers and their families, parties involved in legal disputes, traders, craftsmen, storytellers and travellers. Those attending the assembly lived in temporary camps (*búðir*) during the session. The centre of the gathering was the *Logberg*, or Law Rock, a rocky outcrop on which the Lawspeaker took his seat as the presiding official of the assembly. His responsibilities included reciting aloud the laws in effect at the time. It was his duty to proclaim the procedural law of Althing to those attending the assembly each year.



Public addresses on matters of importance were delivered at the Law Rock and there the assembly was called to order and dissolved. The *Lögrétta*, the legislative section of the assembly, was its most powerful institution. It was comprised of the 39 district Chieftains plus nine additional members and the Lawspeaker. As the legislative section of Althing, the *Lögrétta* took a stand on legal conflicts, adopted new laws and granted exemptions to existing laws. Althing also performed a judicial function and heard legal disputes in addition to the spring assemblies held in each district. Although the actual location of the Parliament was moved to Reykjavík in 1800 or so, the entity itself has been in existence for over a thousand years. ●