



MAX MEYERS LAW **SPOKE & WHEEL**



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NEW YEAR'S EVE FUN FACTS!

New Year's Eve is a big day of celebration for many. It gives us time to reflect on the events of the past year and brings us hope for prosperity and happiness in the New Year. Here are some fun facts and trivia about this wonderful time of celebration:

- More vehicles are stolen on New Year's Day than any other holiday, statistics from the National Insurance Crime Bureau revealed.
- It's tradition to ring in the New Year with family and friends because the first people you see will either give you good luck or bad luck. So, make sure to keep friends close and foes far away!
- The traditional New Year's song, Auld Lang Syne, means, "times gone by."
- The top three places to celebrate New Year's Eve are Las Vegas, Disney World, and of course, New York City. Internationally, one of the biggest celebrations is in Sydney, Australia. More than 80,000 fireworks are set off from Sydney Harbour Bridge.
- In Italy, people wear red underwear on New Year's Day to bring good luck all year long.
- Jewish New Year is called Rosh Hashanah. Apples and honey are traditionally eaten.
- Using a baby to signify the New Year began in ancient Greece around 600 B.C.
- The first New Year was celebrated 4,000 years ago by the ancient Babylonians.
- It's good luck to eat foods like black eyed peas, ham and cabbage because it is thought they bring prosperity. But, if you want to have a happy New Year, don't eat either lobster or chicken. Lobsters can move backwards, and chickens can scratch in reverse, so it is thought these foods could bring a reversal of fortune.
- In Colombia, Cuba and Puerto Rico, some families stuff a large doll, which is called Mr. Old Year, with memories from the past year. They also dress him in clothes from the outgoing year. At midnight, he is set ablaze, thus burning away the bad memories.
- In ancient Rome, the New Year began March 1.
- The Time Square New Year's Eve ball was first dropped in 1907 after there was a fireworks ban. Back then, a 700-pound ball, embellished with 25-watt bulbs made of iron and wood, was dropped. The tradition has continued in Times Square, except for when the ball was not lowered because of wartime restrictions.
- Chinese New Year is celebrated the second full moon after the winter solstice.



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Proving that a **DISTRACTED DRIVER** caused your Car Accident

A simple allegation that another driver was distracted is not enough to prove that distracted driving caused the car accident. If the police officer suspects that a driver is alcohol-impaired, the officer can have the driver take a breathalyzer test. But how can you prove that the other driver was not giving his full attention to the road and that his distraction caused the wreck?

HOW TO PROVE DISTRACTED DRIVING CAUSED THE WRECK.

We use many ways to prove that the other driver was not paying as close attention to the road as they should have been. They include any of the following:

- **Cell phones** - Sometimes police will check the cell phones of people who have crashed to see if they had apps open or were talking or texting at the time of the wreck. The officer may confiscate the phone as evidence of distracted driving. However, in our experience this is rare.

- **Cell phone records** - If the evidence is not on the cell phone, your lawyer can subpoena the records of the other driver's cell phone service provider to prove that the driver was not giving the road her full attention. But there must be evidence the driver was using a cell phone first, like a witness.

- **Car data** - Many newer cars contain technological advances geared toward safety. Some of these gadgets keep a record of essential safety information, such as how fast the car was going or whether someone was fiddling with the stereo or navigation system controls just before the accident.

- **Fellow Passengers** - A passenger of the negligent driver may testify that the driver was engaging in improper conduct while driving, especially since the driver's behavior exposed that passenger to the risk of harm.

- **People in other vehicles** - Unfortunately, we frequently see drivers in other cars texting and doing other dangerous acts while driving. You do not have to be in the car to see this behavior. We can interview drivers and passengers of other vehicles who may have seen the driver from your accident focused on things other than driving.

- **Other eyewitnesses** - Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, and bystanders may have seen the driver driving recklessly before the accident. We do not limit ourselves to asking only drivers and passengers what they saw. Other eyewitnesses can provide compelling testimony.

- **Security camera footage** - With more closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras going up all the time, we can trace back the route the driver took to see if there were security cameras that might have captured valuable video evidence of distracted driving. We will contact the owner of the security camera and request the footage to see if it contains useful evidence.

- **Accident reconstruction experts** - In some cases, we use accident reconstruction experts to show the court that the only explanation for the accident was the driver not paying attention to the road.



WHAT CONSTITUTES DISTRACTED DRIVING?

Distracted driving occurs when a driver engages in any behavior that takes his mind off of the road. Distractions can include:

- Texting
- Talking on the phone, even in hands-free mode
- Adjusting the stereo
- Using the navigation system of the car or a map or navigation app on the driver's cell phone
- Grooming
- Eating

- Talking with passengers in the front or back seat of the vehicle

- Reading - yes, people do read books and other things while driving

- Taking photos or videos

- Singing or dancing to music

- Checking email

- Using apps, such as Facebook, messaging, games, Netflix, and music apps

WHO IS MOST LIKELY TO DRIVE WHILE DISTRACTED?

Driving while distracted is a common problem for everyone, but statistics suggest that it is a larger problem for some groups than others.

- **People stuck in traffic jams** - Insurance industry experts suggest that during periods of heavy traffic congestion, people are more likely to use their cell phones to call people, send text messages, and read their emails. And with Seattle's horrible traffic congestion, people have many opportunities to be distracted. So, when you are stuck in heavy traffic, stay alert to what the drivers around you are doing.

- **Teens** - The Automobile Club of America (AAA) says that teen drivers are the most distraction-impaired drivers on the road. A study by AAA found that teen drivers are not paying attention to the road about one-fourth of the time. Even when the teen turns her attention back to the road, it takes about 27 seconds for her to be fully engaged in driving. A lot can happen in 27 seconds. A car going 65 miles an hour will travel over 2,500 feet in 27 seconds. That distance is more than eight football fields.

Pro Tip: Get as much information on the scene of the accident as possible. Witnesses who were not involved in the accident can often be critical and are most often lost because people don't make sure to get their names and contact information.

If you suffered injuries in a car accident that was not your fault, call us today at 425-276-7804 and we will set up your free consultation and case evaluation.

40th Annual Olympia Toy Run

Brrrr... it was sure a rainy and chilly day this year at the **40th Annual Olympia Toy Run!**

Hats off to you riders, the rain was no joke and required skill to navigate such wet roads. Even though the weather wasn't the best, it was great to see such a huge crowd of riders roll in for the ride. Everyone was in the giving spirit and had a fun time gathering for a great cause. All the proceeds went to benefit the **Salvation Army "Toy n' Joy" Shop.**

It was great to see familiar faces stop by our

booth to say hi. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Toy Run this year.

Congratulations to Chris Cooper of Rochester, WA! Chris was the winner of our Seahawks ticket giveaway. Here is a picture of her son and his wife at the game... **GO HAWKS!**

If you would like to find out more about the Annual Olympia Toy Run, please visit their website at **www.olytoyrun.com.**



January Events

ART WALK JAN 4

Head to historic Pioneer Square for the January First Thursday Art Walk, when art galleries open their doors to introduce new exhibitions and artists. Free.

Visit www.pioneersquare.org/experiences/first-thursday-art-walk for more details.

SCIENCE-FICTION CONVENTION JAN 12 - 14

Rustycon is a science-fiction and fantasy convention that focuses on literature, science, art, costumes, and gaming at Seattle Airport Marriott.

Visit www.rustycon.com for more details.

MONSTER TRUCKS JAN 12 - 14

Big trucks with big wheels make big noise and excitement at Monster Jam in the Tacoma Dome.

Visit www.monsterjam.com/en-US/events/tacoma-wa-0.

FREE NATIONAL PARKS DAY JAN 15

Entry is free at Mount Rainier and Olympic National Parks on Free Entrance Days in the National Parks, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

For details visit www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/fee-free-parks.htm.

MODEL TRAIN SHOW JAN 20 - 21

The Great Train Show features model train layouts and hundreds of vendors at the Washington State Fair Events Center in Puyallup. Repeats in November.

Visit <http://trainshow.com/puyallup01> for details.

FISHING, HUNTING & CAMPING SHOW JAN 24 - 28

Washington Sportsmen's Show has seminars and exhibitors at the Washington State Fair Events Center in Puyallup.

Visit www.thesportshows.com/shows/washington/show-information for details.

LEAVENWORTH MUSIC FESTIVAL JAN 26 - 27

Hear 14 acts indoors over two days at Timbrrrr! Winter Festival in Leavenworth, counterpart to the Timber! Outdoor Music Festival in July. Most events age 21+.

Details at <http://winter.timbermusicfest.com>.

FROG DAY JAN 27

Enjoy kids' activities, see Princess Amphibiana and the local mayor introduce a frog named Snohomish Slew, dance to music, play games, and meet firefighters at the GroundFrog Day Celebration in Snohomish. Free.

Visit <http://snohomishcoc.com/groundfrog> for details.



Shelly's RECIPE CORNER

This recipe comes to us courtesy of our teammate, Richard. Quick, easy and delicious!



Photo courtesy of nimmymommy.com

BUTTER MOCHI

Ingredients

1 box (16 oz.) Mochiko flour	2 cups milk
5 eggs	1 can coconut milk
1 tsp. vanilla	1 stick (1/2 cup) of butter, melted
1 tbsp. baking power	2 3/4 cups sugar

Directions:

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix all ingredients together except for the butter. Add butter last. Mixture should be smooth.

Line a 9" x 13" pan with parchment paper and spray with non-stick cooking spray. Pour mixture into pan and place in oven for 1 hour. Cool at least 1 hour before cutting.

What people are saying about Max Meyers Law



I hired Max to handle my case when I was involved in a three-car accident. Max was referred to me by a friend who had worked with him before. The insurance company for the person at fault was calling me almost daily and pressuring me to close my case, and once Max took over, it put me more at ease. Max handled everything for me, I didn't have to worry about the details. He kept me informed along the way, negotiated on my behalf, and helped me settle the case for a fair price. I enjoyed working with Max and would recommend him to anyone looking for a lawyer.

-Kristin LeBlanc

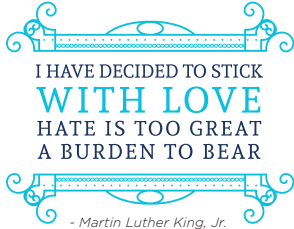
I hired Max after I was run off the road on my motorcycle by a car in February of 2016. After meeting with several attorneys, Max proved not only to be the most experienced in motorcycle crash cases, but was also professional and realistic. He never made any unrealistic promises and has always kept me up to date on the progress of my case. In addition, Max was the perfect liaison between the insurance companies and medical insurance, making sure my interests came first. I have and will continue to recommend Max every chance I get.

-Bryan Hall



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Where Accident Victims Get Help



I HAVE DECIDED TO STICK
WITH LOVE
HATE IS TOO GREAT
A BURDEN TO BEAR

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Open a CUB ACCOUNT with O Bee Credit Union



With the New Year upon us, now is a great time to think about opening a savings account for your kiddos! While we were at the Toy Run in December, we had the opportunity to meet the great people of O Bee Credit Union. Located in Tumwater, Lacey, Tenino, West Olympia and Yelm, O Bee Credit Union is dedicated to helping build financial success from an early age.

To support this vision, they help children gain knowledge about financial well-being in a fun and exciting way through their Berenstain Bears Financial Literacy program! If you live in the area, you can have a Brother and Sister Bear even come visit your school! Your child (up to 12 years old) can open a Cub Account at O Bee and will receive the following items:

- Free goodie box with a Berenstain Bears book
- A special Cub Account Membership Card
- 7.52% APY on the first \$500!!!
- Berenstain Bears Piggy Bank
- Book: The Berenstain Bears Visit the Credit Union

- Tattoo & Stickers
- Fun Bookmark
- Treat Coupons - each time your child makes a deposit in person, inside the branch, he or she will receive a coupon for a free small ice cream cone at Dairy Queen!

What a great way to get your kids interested in saving money from a young age! If you have kids and live near an O Bee Credit Union, I highly recommend you stop in and talk to their team about opening a Cub Account!

To learn more about this program, visit the O Bee Credit Union website at www.obee.com.



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