



Summer Safety - Keep Your Family Safe!

Summer is just around the corner, and with it comes more chances to spend time outdoors. To help make it a safer summer, we want to share a few safety tips for greater enjoyment of your favorite summer pastimes.

Fireworks

Lying on a blanket watching fireworks light up the night is a fun and inspiring way to spend a summer evening. The following tips can make it safer:

- Even if fireworks are legal in your state, leave it to the pros – attend public fireworks displays so you can enjoy them safely from a distance.
- Keep sparklers away from young children. Sparklers can reach 1200 degrees, and children’s arms are too short to safely hold them.



Grilling

Before you fire up the grill this summer, make sure you have a set of rules to ensure your and your guests’ safety:

- Check for propane leaks on gas grills before that first barbecue.
- Be cautious with charcoal starter fluid.
- Prepare ahead for potential fires – keep baking soda handy for grease fires, and a fire extinguisher nearby for other fires. Never use water to put out a grease fire.
- If you’re the grill master, make sure your shirttails, sleeves, and apron strings aren’t near the flame.
- Set your grill on a flat, stable surface. A tip-over could result in serious burns and fire.



Pool Safety

There’s nothing more refreshing than a dip in cool

water during the dog days of summer. Follow these tips to stay safe:

- Insist that children or inexperienced swimmers wear a Coast-Guard-approved safety vest.
- Ensure that there are appropriate barriers, such as a fence with a self-closing, self-latching gate.
- Supervise children and pets constantly. Drowning happens quickly.
- Have a plan in place for responding to aquatic emergencies before anyone enters the pool.



Car Accidents

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day there is usually a spike in car accidents – especially for teen drivers. More people are on the road, and naturally that increases the chance of a collision.

These tips might help:

- Keep your eyes on your tires to make sure they are safe. Summer heat can cause the air in your tires to expand, leading to blowouts.
- If you have a teenage driver, set strict rules for summer driving. Teens are more likely to be involved in crashes than any other age group because they lack experience and judgment.
- Be extra cautious around bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorcycle riders – there are more of them on the road in the summer months.



On behalf of the legal team at McCann & Wall, we wish you a safe and happy summer. If you or a loved one needs legal assistance, please call us at 215-569-8488 or 302-888-1221. McCann & Wall, LLC represents clients in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

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