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Close Eye From Parents Best Way to Prevent Playground Accidents

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), at least 200,000 children ages 14 or younger are treated in emergency rooms each year for playground-related injuries. More than 10% of these are traumatic brain injuries (TBIs), and the rate of TBIs is rising.

Because public playgrounds are numerous and easily accessible, most kids spend their time on these rather than private playgrounds. Thus, the largest percentage of playground injuries take place on public facilities. Monkey bars and climbing equipment are responsible for the highest number of injuries.

But despite the risks, we know kids love playgrounds and benefit from the exercise and social interaction. The good news: Adults can play a key role in keeping kids safe on their favorite playgrounds with these tips and resources:

- *Make sure kids wear safe clothing. No loose scarves or hoodies with draw strings, as these can become a strangulation hazard if entangled with equipment. Shoes should be comfortable for play and protect feet, like sneakers. Tie long hair back as well.*
 - *Make sure there are strong and sturdy guardrails to prevent falls.*
 - *Your children should be using age-appropriate equipment. Read all playground signs for warnings and instructions.*
 - *Most importantly, the best way to prevent injuries is parental supervision. Talk to your kids about appropriate playground behavior before you visit the playground and watch them while you are there.*
- *Areas underneath the equipment, known as fall surfaces, should be made of soft material such as wood chips, mulch, sand, or rubber.*
 - *Inspect equipment for any piece (especially metal) that may be hot from the sun.*
 - *Watch for hazards or protrusions like bolts, hooks, stumps, or rocks that could trip or cut children.*
 - *Look for neglected maintenance, such as rusty or broken equipment.*

To ensure your local playground is safe, the National Recreation and Parks Association has a network of Certified Playground Safety Inspectors (CPSI). The CPSI certification program provides comprehensive and up-to-date training on playground safety issues, including hazard identification, equipment specifications, surfacing requirements and risk management methods. If you see safety hazards or poorly maintained equipment, reach out to the owner as soon as possible. In most cases, this will be a school or park district.

Keeping our kids safe while out on the playground is an issue we can all get behind, and one that benefits the community as a whole. So let's all get out there and have some fun!



DID YOU KNOW?
CHILDREN AGES 5 TO 9 HAVE THE HIGHEST RATE OF EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS AMONG THE MORE THAN 200,000 KIDS INJURED EACH YEAR ON PLAYGROUNDS.





Out & About in Clayton County - Payphone vs. Cell Phone



Do you remember when you had to find a quarter if you wanted to make a phone call while out and about? Before the convenience of cell phones, it was a matter of finding a pay phone and also hoping that no one else was using it. There are still these “blasts from the past” peppered around Clayton County and some of the pay phones still work! Can you guess the location of this nostalgic numbered box that Joe is talking on in the photo? Do you know of any other pay phones located around town? Be sure to tell us on Facebook or tag us in a photo of one for your chance to win a \$25 gift card to the local Clayton County business of your choice!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



Recipe and photo credit: Delish.com

Hoisin-Glazed Salmon with Broccoli and Sesame Rice

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup white rice, such as jasmine or Basmati
- 1 lb. small broccoli florets, from 2 large heads
- 2 tbsp canola oil
- Kosher salt
- 4 (four) 6-oz. skinless salmon fillets
- 1 tbsp hoisin sauce
- ¼ cup sesame seeds, plus more for garnish
- 2 tbsp rice vinegar

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 400° with a rack set in the center. Cook rice according to package directions.
2. Meanwhile, toss broccoli with oil and salt on a rimmed baking sheet. Place salmon between broccoli and brush with hoisin. Roast until just opaque throughout, 12 to 15 minutes.
3. Stir sesame seeds and vinegar into rice and season to taste with salt, if needed. Divide between serving bowls and top with broccoli and salmon. Sprinkle with sesame seeds and serve.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TAYLOR!

Happy birthday to our resident Lab Lawyer! Taylor is the best companion, and we are lucky to have her on our team!



What Is A Deposition & What Do I Say If I Need To Give One?

Depositions are very similar to testifying in Court, but they are done at the offices of one of the lawyers. The witness is sworn in and everything they say could be used in Court during a trial, so it is important to understand from your lawyer what questions will be asked and how to answer them. There are many rules about how Depositions can be scheduled, who is subject to a deposition, the scope of questioning, objections to questioning, and time limits. At our firm, we believe that depositions, when well done, are truly the best discovery tool. You should plan on meeting with your lawyer prior to the deposition to be prepared by the attorney to give the best deposition possible. The general preparation will include advice such as:

- *telling the truth*
- *listening carefully*
- *never speculating or guessing*
- *to not get angry with the questions*

Deposition questions can be invasive, and you may feel that they are not relevant to your injury, but the other party does have the right to ask most questions. It is a necessary exercise to get the result you deserve – especially after a personal injury – and our attorneys will always make sure that you are prepared for your deposition if and when the time comes by having practice sessions and meetings in advance.



Constitution Day Twitter Town Hall

Thursday, September 17, 2021
12-1pm

In celebration of Constitution Day,
The Judicial Council/Administrative Office of the Courts
presents

#AskGAJudges

All Georgia teachers, students, and the public are invited to participate. Judges from Georgia's different classes of court will be on hand to answer questions related to the Constitution, the role of judges, and their personal experiences as a judge.

Participate live on Twitter by including #AskGAJudges in a tweet or submit questions in advance by email to information@georgiacourts.gov.

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*Young reader Bruce Godlewski with
the Todd Law Times*

Raving Fan of the Month

"I'm sure some may have encountered attorney's that keep you in the dark so much you start doubting if they will even show for calendar call. I promise you will not have that feeling or problem with her. She is very skilled, and she will make you feel very comfortable every step of the way. Her prices are very competitive, and I assure you it is money well spent. She will coach and prepare for trial and that is something I certainly can appreciate. I have another future legal issue and I say this without hesitation. I want Jillian Todd as my attorney to represent me. She is just that good!!!"

- Mark Pope