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Case Results

Jury Renders Verdict for \$4.1 Million for Young Woman with Fractured Neck

A 25-year-old woman was traveling with friends on I-95 after celebrating her cousin's birthday when another vehicle – traveling over 95 miles-per-hour – struck them from behind. The speeding driver had been drinking, and the force of the impact pushed the trunk of the victim's car into the vehicle's cabin.

Immediately after the collision, the woman described her head as feeling very heavy and sought medical attention from emergency responders. At a nearby hospital, she was diagnosed with a fractured neck, which affected C1-2 and C2-3 levels in her neck.

After spending five months in a neck brace, unable to care for herself, only some of the fractures healed, leaving her with two herniated discs.

Represented by David C. Prather, the woman's case was heard by a Broward County jury, who awarded her \$4.1 million.

Legal Insights

Wrong-site Incidents a Growing Problem



Wrong-site incidents, which are [medical procedures that are referred to as "never" events](#) since they are entirely avoidable, happen at least 40 times a week across the nation. These can be potentially severe, life-altering mistakes such as amputating the wrong limb or performing the wrong procedure. Additionally, not all states report these errors and, even when states like Florida do report them, there is a gross lack of transparency despite the rising number of occurrences.

Potential Causes & Concerns for Driverless Car Accidents

With the gradual introduction of driverless cars to the road, [there are some legitimate concerns](#) about the potential risks they pose to other drivers since they remove the decision-making power from the driver. These driverless cars



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can cause an accident when failing to detect other vehicles or if it makes a turn when it should not. There are a lot of safety issues to address before they are truly road-ready.

Lawmakers hoping to Prevent Child Deaths in Hot Cars

Lawmakers filed a [bill that would eliminate instances of children losing their lives from being left alone in hot vehicles](#) by equipping cars with technology that would alert parents when there is an unattended child in the car. Some manufacturers are already taking initiative in this technology. The 2017 GMC Arcadia has a warning tone alert that prompts drivers to check the rear seats. The questions remains if this will be enough to help prevent these tragic deaths.



RECALLS

Skidders Footwear Shoes



About 5,000 units of Skidders Footwear children's canvas tennis shoes in three sizes have been recalled. Children's 12M, 18M, and 24M. The rivets on these shoes have sharp edges, which pose a laceration hazard. So far, there are three reports of the rivets scratching the feet of the wearer, but no injuries reported. These [shoes were sold exclusively at Meijer stores in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, and Wisconsin](#) from August 2016 through October 2016. You can contact Skidders Footwear to receive a full refund.

Gates Recalls ATV and UTV Clutches Due to Laceration and Injury Hazards

About 500 units of two models of the [G-Force CVT clutches have been recalled](#).

The clutch may break during operation of the vehicle, causing fragmentation, which may forcefully eject parts and pose a laceration risk or other injury hazards to the operator. There have been three reports of it breaking during operation of an ATV, including a report of a laceration of a rider. Contact Gates immediately for instructions on receiving a full refund and an additional \$300 to cover disassembly and reinstallation costs.



KTM North America Recalls Closed-Course/Competition Off-Road Motorcycles Due to Crash Hazard



About 1,200 2017 KTM brand and Husqvarna motorcycles brand closed-course/competition only motorcycles have been recalled due to the [front brake](#)

[master cylinder posing crash hazard](#). This far no injuries have been reported. You can contact KTM for more information.

Dehumidifiers Made by Midea Recalled Due to Serious Fire and Burn Hazards

About 3.4 million dehumidifiers, in addition to the 850,000 sold in Canada, were recalled. The 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, and 75-pint dehumidifiers made by Midea can [overheat, smoke, and catch fire](#). There have already been 38 reports of smoke of fire, and about \$4.8 million in property damage has been reported.



Kikkerland Design Recalls Teapots with Stands



injuries.

Kikkerland and Cost Plus World Market recalled about 7,300 units of their teapots with bamboo stands. The [bamboo votive can catch fire](#), which poses a fire hazard to customers. There have been six reports of votive stands burning, but no reported

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