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Safety Administration (NHTSA) report almost 3,600 fatal crashes in 2015 involving trucks, with 83,000 more crashes with injuries. Here is a statistic that hits home - of the 4,067 people who lost their lives in a truck

accident in 2015, only 667 or 14% were occupants of the truck itself. In a truck vs. car accident, drivers and passengers of the smaller vehicles don't have much of a chance, and common injuries include fractures, burns, traumatic brain injury (TBI), spinal cord damage leading to partial or full paralysis and internal organ injuries. **Driver Error Is a Major Cause of Truck Accidents**

Although most truck drivers operate their rigs skillfully and responsibly, many accidents are caused by driver error such as: Excessive speed **Driver distraction** Driver fatigue or sleep deprivation

Lane drift Inadequate training or experience Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs

However, drivers are not responsible for all accidents. Some accidents are out of the

- negligence of the trucking company or manufacturer including:
 - Brake defects in maintenance or manufacturing
 - Tire failure, insufficient tread or mismatched tires Failure of other equipment

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reservations.

Drive Safely with Trucks and Share the Road

stop and turn than smaller vehicles. Also, the truck's size and shape limits the driver's ability to see neighboring traffic. Here are a few tips on sharing the road safely:

Let a slow-moving truck enter the highway by changing lanes or easing up on the

The huge weight and size of tractor-trailers mean that they take longer to accelerate,

Stay out of a truck's blind spots by moving quickly ahead. Don't change lanes abruptly in front of a truck.

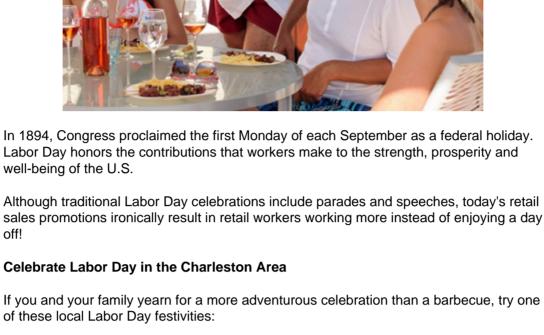
Give a truck plenty of room when passing.

· Be patient when driving near big rigs.

Administration (FMCSA)'s Safety Tips for Car Drivers.

Learn more about safely sharing the road with trucks in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety

5 Fun Things To Do on Labor Day



homesteading activities, a Civil War encampment and lots of fun for the little ones. Celebrate all things Italian at the West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival in Clarksburg from September 1-3. You'll enjoy delectable food, music, live entertainment, contests and exhibits. Relax and enjoy a fine meal on September 1 while paddling down the Ohio River on

board the Island Belle sternwheeler. You'll end up at Parkersburg Point Park to be immersed in The Purple Xperience - A Tribute to Prince. Be sure to call soon for

Enjoy Appalachian, folk and bluegrass music at The Jackson's Mill Jubilee near Weston. This 3-day Labor Day festival features Native American dancing,

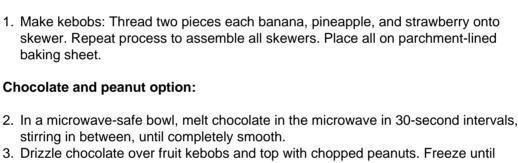
injury, it's important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. Call (888) 402-9607 for your initial free consultation. Mani, Ellis & Layne, PLLC, injury attorneys in West Virginia, can help you determine whether you need a lawyer for an accident or any personal injury case.

Recipe of the Month

Banana Split Kebobs

Here's a great healthy summer dessert -- fresh fruit kebobs. Make it fun for the kids with

a drizzle of chocolate and crushed peanuts (if there are no allergies!).



What's Happening in Charleston, WV

Clay Center for The Arts & Sciences Charleston, WV http://eventful.com/charleston_wv/events/decades-rewind-charleston-wv-/E0-001-10468 9920-6 South Carolina Reggae Jerk & Wine Festival And Exhibition

http://eventful.com/charleston_wv/events/south-carolina-reggae-jerk-wine-festival-and-/E

http://eventful.com/charleston_wv/events/jason-aldean-chris-young-kane-brown-/E0-001-

Cedar Lakes Conference Center Ripley, WV http://msacf.com/ Sep 22 Alan Jackson Charleston Civic Center

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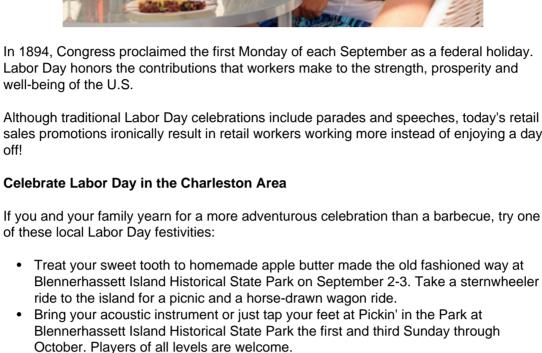
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driver's control, such as with poor weather or road conditions, or can be blamed on



If you or a family member has been injured in a trucking accident or any other personal

 2 bananas, cut into 1" pieces 24 1" pieces pineapple 12 large strawberries, rinsed, dried, and halved

ready to serve. Recipe courtesy of Delish.com

Add your Spark! 5k Run/Walk

Charleston Marina Complex

Magnolia Plantation & Gardens

http://www.tristateracer.com/event.php?RaceID=9560

Charleston Seafood Beer And Wine Festival

NGK Sparkplugs Inc. Sissonville, WV

Charleston, WV

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Charleston, WV

Sep 2

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Charleston Distance Run

Charleston Civic Center

Mountain State Art & Craft Fair

Charleston, WV

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Sep 15 - 17

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Jason Aldean, Chris Young & Kane Brown

Ingredients

Optional

Directions

Aug 5

 2 c. chocolate chips • 1/2 c. peanuts, chopped

Aug 20 **Decades Rewind**

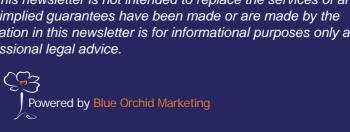
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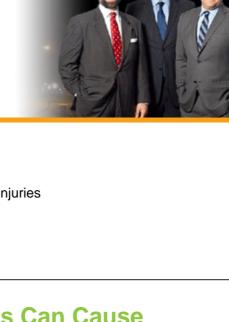
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Traveling with trucks weighing up to 80,000 pounds inevitably results in trucking accidents. The most recent accident figures available from the National Highway Traffic



