

## Teen and Senior Drivers at Greater Risk for Car Accidents

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**Tampa, FL (Law Firm Newswire) January 21, 2016** - Young drivers and senior drivers are the age groups that are involved in the most car accidents, in Florida and throughout the United States, according to national statistics.

Drivers age 16 to 29 have the highest rate of car accidents per miles driven. This may be unsurprising, as young drivers are inexperienced and may be more reckless. However, fatal crash rates also increase significantly for drivers age 70 to 74 and hit a peak for drivers 85 and older. That crash rate is of particular concern because the number of senior drivers is expected to increase significantly as the baby boomer generation ages. There were 36.8 million licensed senior drivers in 2013, and the U.S. Census Bureau projects that there will be 83.7 million by 2050.

“Drivers of any age need to exercise caution behind the wheel, but it is important to pay attention to increased risk factors that come with age,” said Robert Joyce, a Tampa car accident attorney with the law firm of Joyce & Reyes. “Problems such as vision loss can be a huge contributor to car accidents.”

In the state of Florida, drivers over the age of 80 who wish to renew their driver's licenses must pass a vision test. In 2008, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety worked with the University of Alabama at Birmingham to study the Florida vision test requirements. They found that 80 percent of seniors who were eligible for driver's license renewal took the test, and 7 percent failed. Within the group that did not attempt to renew their license, about 50 percent said they thought they could not pass the vision test. To pass the test, drivers are required to have 20/40 vision.

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Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi has filed a friend-of-the-court brief with the Florida Supreme Court, urging the court to uphold limits on damages in medical malpractice cases. In 2003, then-Gov. Jeb Bush, along with insurance companies, doctors and hospitals, urged the state

legislature to enact limits on damages for pain and suffering, arguing that the [...]

- [Florida school board agrees to pay settlement to football player with brain injury](#)

The Hillsborough County School Board agreed to settle a lawsuit by an injured high school football player and his family. The school board will pay \$2 million to settle the brain injury lawsuit. The 16-year-old was not wearing a helmet when he hit his head on a paint machine during football practice in Oct. 2013. [...]

- [Appeals court rules Florida provision requiring disclosure of adverse medical incidents preempted by federal law](#)

A provision of the Florida constitution that requires health care providers to disclose adverse medical incidents is preempted by federal law, a state appeals court has ruled. In the case of Baptist Hospital of Florida, Inc. v. Jean Charles, Jr., the First District Court of Appeal held that the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act, [...]

- [Family of Florida boy who suffered brain injury sues fumigation company](#)

The family of a Florida boy has filed a lawsuit against a pest control company, claiming that incompetent fumigation caused the boy to suffer brain damage. According to the lawsuit, Terminix Pest Control and its subcontractor Sunland Pest Control negligently fumigated the McCaughey home, failing to properly ventilate the home properly after the completion of [...]

- [Bill in Senate would make auto safety cover-ups a crime](#)

Legislation was introduced in the U.S. Senate that would make it a crime for an officer of a corporation to conceal information about a dangerously defective product. U.S. Senators Bob Casey, D-Pa., and Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., said that the recent settlement between the U.S. Justice Department and General Motors (GM) showed that stronger legislation is [...]

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