



MELDON LAW TALK

NEWSLETTER FROM THE LAW OFFICE OF JEFFREY MELDON & ASSOCIATES

Lawyer Jokes

Inspired by The SKY's Bob Rose

A lawyer died and found herself at the pearly gates of heaven. St. Peter asked, "Who are you?" The woman answered, "I was a Hollywood divorce lawyer."

Nodding ominously, St. Peter asked, "What have you done to earn an eternal reward in heaven?"

The lawyer thought about it long and hard, searching her mind for one good deed that might gain her entrance to heaven. "As a matter of fact, the other day I passed a panhandler in the street and I gave him fifty cents." she said.

St. Peter nodded grimly, looking at his assistant Gabriel, and asked, "Is that in the records?" Gabriel nodded yes. St. Peter then said, "That is not very impressive, nor is it enough. I'm sorry," and started to close the gates.

"Wait, wait! There's more," shouted the woman. "The other night I gave a homeless child fifty cents too!"

Peter again checked with Gabriel who confirmed the incident. "Is there anything else?"

The lawyer thought and thought and sadly said, "Not that I can remember."

St. Peter thought and then asked Gabriel, "What do you think I should do?"

Gabriel said, "I'd give her back her dollar and tell her to go to hell!"

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A Month For Being Grateful—Veterans Day & Thanksgiving

November brings Veterans Day, Nov. 11, and Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24.

Veterans Day is a day to thank and honor living (and deceased) veterans who served honorably in the military. Originally called Armistice Day, Veterans Day is always on Nov. 11 to commemorate the end of WW I, which occurred on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, 1918—making it a day to perpetuate peace and goodwill.

Thanksgiving's first proclamation read: "All ye Pilgrims with your wives and little ones gather at the Meeting House, and render thanksgiving to God for all his blessings."

November is a month to honor, appreciate, and give thanks!

In this spirit, we at the Law Office of Jeffrey Meldon and Associates, thank all of you for your support and trust throughout the years. May your blessings be many!



Office News: The Meldon Law Help App is available now!

We are excited to announce that the **Meldon Law Help App** is available for download now.

To better serve you and the community, we designed a custom App for Android and iPhones—**The Meldon Law Help App**.

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* If you have a legal situation that my Law Firm does not handle, I will gladly refer you to a trusted attorney who can.

* To all who referred friends and family or have gone out of their way to send notes of appreciation, I thank you! *Jeffrey Meldon*



The Law Office of Jeffrey Meldon & Associates is dedicated to public safety & education. We are always on the look-out for timely safety news and reminders to pass on to our readers.

“AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE!” *Ben Franklin*

Safety Reminder—3 basic rules of ATV use

All-Terrain-Vehicles (ATVs) are recreational vehicles and must be used in a legal and responsible manner. Here are three important laws pertaining to ATV use in Florida:

1. ATVs cannot be operated on a public road, street, or highway. However, ATVs are allowed on an unpaved public roadway where the speed limit is less than 35 mph and only during the daytime.
2. An ATV driver under 16 years of age must be supervised by a licensed driver, wear a helmet and eye protection, and pass a safety course.
3. The operation of any vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration of .08% or more is illegal.

Jeffrey Meldon/TV20 Scholar Athlete of the Week Winners!

The Jeffrey Meldon/TV 20 Scholar Athlete Program—celebrating its 15th year! Every week during the school year, a deserving high school senior is awarded the “Scholar-Athlete-of-the-Week” title, a \$100 scholarship, and a plaque. The award is announced on TV 20’s Thursday evening sports news @ 6:00 pm and includes a video clip of the student and their achievement. The year ends with a Sports Banquet, honoring each scholar athlete, at which a male and female “Scholar-Athlete-of-the-Year” are selected and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and trophy. In existence since 1997, this is one of Jeffrey’s favorite community services!

Here are the recent winners—congratulations!:

Sept. 15—**Michaela Woodford** from Buchholz High for Gymnastics—“Michaela bypassed the traditional sports that high schools offer and stuck with her first love, gymnastics. The balance beam is her favorite, and she plans to go to NC State to compete next.”

Sept. 22—**Chelsea Harvin** from Keystone Heights for Volleyball—“Chelsea’s sacrifice has paid off, obtaining a college scholarship to play volleyball at the next level at St. John’s River.”

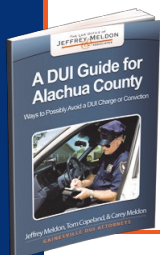
Sept. 29—**Rebecca Rosenblat** from Eastside High for Volleyball—“Rebecca welcomes the challenge of leading her team on the court and in the classroom, boasting a weighted 4.75 GPA.”

Be Educated: Heads up—A night on the town can change your life!

Driving under the influence (DUI) of drugs or alcohol is illegal and carries criminal penalties.

Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol and causing bodily injury to another is a third degree felony and is punished accordingly and more severely.

Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol and causing death of a human being or unborn child is DUI manslaughter—a felony of the first and second degree and punished accordingly with extreme severity.



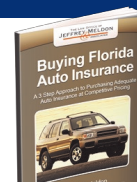
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Consumer Protection
Accident Guide Book

Wondering what you should do after an accident or injury?

Most people think it will never happen to them. However, statistics show that one in five will be involved in a traffic crash. **How can you protect yourself and family?**

Be safe, educated, adequately insured, and prepared!



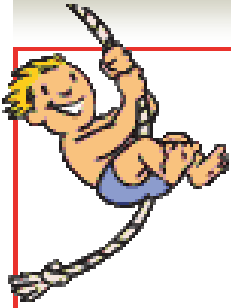
Insurance Guide



1-800-373-8000

Have your **free** accident kit, including camera and guide, at hand!

10 ways to protect children from attractive nuisances



Attractive nuisances can lead to death or serious injury and leave you liable. While every situation is unique, we suggest using common sense to keep children safe and eliminating obvious dangers that pose risks.

Here are ten “child proofing” ideas to protect Florida’s children and yourself:

1. **Install safety devices**, like a fence, around a pool, hot tub, or other body of water.
2. **Post warning signs** that a child is likely to understand.
3. **Remove** rafts, inflatable toys, and other attractive objects from a pool or hot tub.
4. **Fence in** or secure yard machinery, a lawn mower, or other yard equipment.
5. **Clear out** or fence in excess junk, clutter, or wires from the yard.
6. **Secure, fence, or lock up** unguarded vacant buildings or structures.
7. **Clean up and secure** construction materials, tools, and equipment when building or renovating a house or at other building sites.
8. **Protect** children from piles of wood, lumber, and construction materials.
9. **Properly dispose** of refrigerators, iceboxes, washing machines, dryers, and other airtight household appliance.
10. **Supervise children.**

November “Trivial Pursuit” - *Do you know your November facts?*

Q: It wasn’t until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that president _____ proclaimed Thanksgiving to be held each November.

Q: World War I was called, “_____” in hopes that it would bring peace.

Q: Armistice Day was originally intended to honor only the veterans of _____. A shoe store owner in Emporia, Kansas, began a campaign in 1953 to turn Armistice Day into “All” Veterans’ Day.

Q: “In war, there are no _____ soldiers.” *Jose Narosky*

Q: A modern staple at most Thanksgiving tables is pumpkin pie. However, it is unlikely that this was part of the first feast as the supply of _____ had long been diminished.

Q: Memorial Day is a national holiday to honor our _____ soldiers.

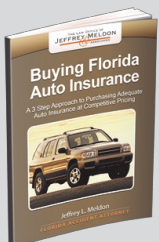


Answers: Abraham Lincoln, the war to end all wars, The first world war, unwounded, flour, fallen

Don’t let this happen to you—check your insurance policy today!

Recently, a woman came to us with a sad story.

The woman had been seriously injured in an accident that was not her fault. The unfortunate aspect of this case was that this person had requested and received our Accident Kit, including our Insurance Guide Book, and is also on our mailing list, receiving our Newsletter monthly.



What is sad about that you ask?

Because, this person **never bothered** to change her insurance coverage before getting into an accident and found out too late that she did not have adequate insurance to compensate her for her injuries and losses.

Moral of the story: The only time to take advantage of our insurance guidelines and recommendations is **BEFORE** a crash!

Note: This publication is intended to **educate** the general public. **It is not intended to be legal advice.** Every case is unique.

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Stop on Red, Kids Ahead! Do you remember the rules?

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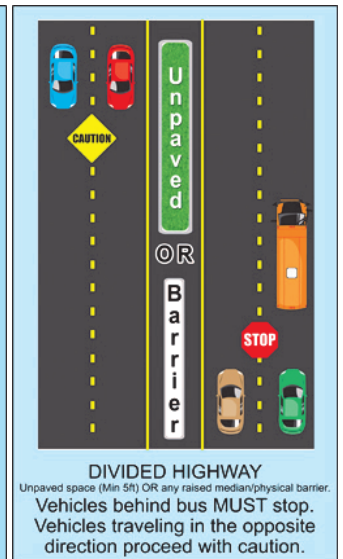
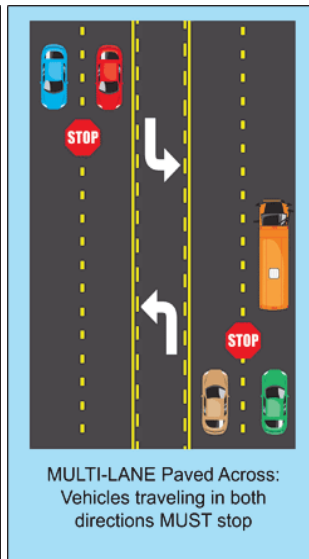
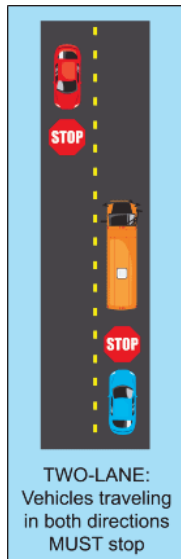


According to Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FDHSMV), Florida drivers illegally pass school buses nearly two million times each year!

Each illegal pass-by could result in a tragic injury or fatality of a student.

Knowing when to stop for a school bus can be confusing. These diagrams from FDHSMV help clear up the confusion.

Please see: www.FloridaSchoolBusSafety.gov For more information.



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