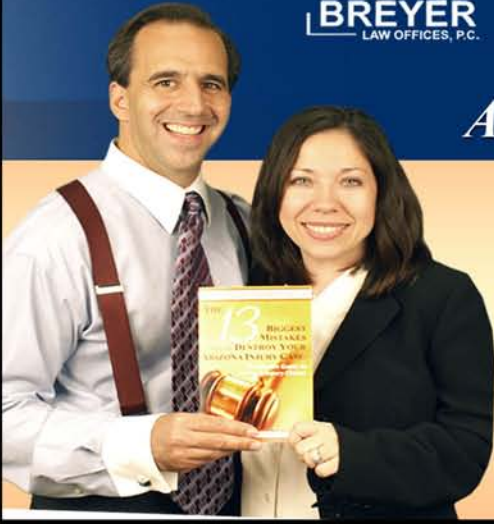


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A Note From Alexis & Mark

At the time we are writing this article, the kids are on Holiday break. ***(Editor's Note from Mark: I think there should be year-round school. Maybe a couple days off from time to time, but I think we should just keep them at school. Sometimes, I celebrate Monday when all the kids go back to school for the week. Would you believe me if I said it is just because I value education so greatly?)***

Pierce has been waking up every morning asking if he has school and when I tell him no he screams out, "Yes!" I am a little concerned that he is so excited that there is no school as he is only 5. The funny thing is he loves his teacher and always asks to stay later when he is picked up from school. I think he must be claiming not to like school because he is listening to his oldest brother, Zev. ***(Editor's Note from Mark: Regardless of how Pierce feels about school, one of my favorite times each day is dropping off Zev, Pierce, and Karina at school. I drop off Zev at the High School in the morning, then I take Pierce and Karina. I ask Pierce to walk his sister to class and I love watching Pierce put his hand on Karina's back and lead her to her class. He even helps carry her lunch and takes her into the classroom before he runs back to his class.)***

Speaking of our oldest, Zev, his passion right now is Black Ops, a video game. Pierce apparently thinks he can play Zev's video game, but Zev has a different plan. You would think Black Ops is like having a million dollars to Zev. I am actually surprised that Zev does not take the video out and hide it so no one else can play it. Besides his playing of Black Ops, we are happy to report his school basketball team has now won more games this year than all of last year. ***(Editor's Note from Mark: Yes, Pierce wants to do whatever his big brothers are doing, even if they are playing a game that is far too "advanced" for him. However, Zev is a little more willing to play some video games with his brothers now than he used to be. On another note, we got a ping pong table and fooseball table for the family, and Zev and I have been able to play a couple of times and I have been doing pretty well. I am trying to enjoy the moment, because in a year or so he will probably be beating me regularly!)***

A LITTLE ABOUT THE LAW

A Caution to Arizona Motorcyclists

As Arizona motorcycle accident attorneys, we hate to hear about tragedy striking innocent riders. In 2008, 5,290 motorcyclists were killed and 96,000 more suffered injuries in traffic accidents (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration). Arizona alone saw 133 riders lose their lives (NHTSA 2008).

Did you know that per mile traveled, motorcyclists have a 37% more likely chance of being killed in an accident than someone riding in a car (NHTSA 2007)? Riders can take precautionary actions to avoid becoming one of these devastating statistics. Safety equipment such as helmets, body protectors, gloves, and boots, are common ways to protect a rider in case of an accident. However, how does a rider avoid even needing this secondary protection? Defensive driving is key in being a safe motorcycle rider.

Mark and Alexis recently wrote a book about motorcycle laws in Arizona, called the Arizona Motorcycle Accident Guide. It's available now for free by calling (602) 267-1280! The book details many answers to the questions riders have about Arizona's "no helmet law," appropriate insurance coverage, and much more. All riders deserve to know the truth about the laws affecting them, and this book reveals it.

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HAVE YOU HEARD?



Important Legislation Affecting Parents of Teen Drivers

The Arizona Supreme Court is reviewing a lower court's ruling regarding parents' liability for accidents caused by their teen drivers (Associated Press via ABC 15 12/1/10).

A 17 year old was prohibited by his parents to drive anywhere but school, church, or work. However, he disobeyed their orders and went driving with some of his friends. He ended up causing an accident that left the other driver with very serious injuries.

His parents are appealing that they should not be liable for the accident as the boy was driving against their wishes.

If the court determines the parents are indeed not liable, the teen will be held responsible for the damages he caused. Brings a whole new level to "Listen to your parents!"

TRAVELING SAFETY:



41% of Arizona Drivers Report Falling Asleep at the Wheel

Did you know that nearly one in six fatal accidents involves a drowsy driver in Arizona (ABC 15 11/8/10)? Similar to distracted or impaired driving, drowsy drivers will often drift across lanes, have slower reaction time, or tailgate the car in front of them.

41% of Arizona drivers report having fallen asleep or nodding off while driving, and 55% of those individuals reported this happening on a high speed divided highway (Traffic Safety Culture Index, AAA Arizona)!

The best way to avoid drowsy driving is to plan ahead. AAA Arizona has released a few tips:

- At least six hours of sleep is needed to be fully alert for most people, so before any big trip try to get in a few extra hours.
- Never rely on caffeine or other "energy" products to stay awake—these are not substitutes for hours of sleep. They may work for a short period of time but their effects vary from person to person.
- For long trips, stick to traveling during the times you are usually awake, and try to plan for breaks every 2 hours or 100 miles.

A NOTE FROM ALEXIS & MARK

Kailey had her first dance competition of the year and all went well. It was located in the convention center in downtown Phoenix. It has been awhile since she competed so we took all the kids to watch her. Tate actually ran into a friend at the competition. I think Tate and his friend were commiserating about how bad it was to be stuck for hours at a dance competition. The two boys managed to run around and had a great time. It's amazing how kids can find a way to keep themselves busy just by running around and making up games. **(Editor's Note from Mark: The convention Kailey participated in lasted two full days. They arrived at the Convention Center at 8am. Kailey convinced me to take her shopping at around 7:15am on both days so she could get some snacks to eat throughout the day. I tried to convince her to take money and buy something, but she preferred buying food at the store. Her favorite thing to buy for these competitions? Sushi! When I was her age, I never even heard of sushi! As far as Tate, the games included getting his friend to try to help him jump on his big brother, Zev. Zev just wanted to be left alone, but was forced to spend an hour warding off Tate and Tate's friend.)**

Karina has a new obsession, which is "Dora the Explorer." She currently has a Dora blanket, Dora pajamas, Dora socks, Dora sneakers, and the list goes on. She actually brought her Dora sneakers to school for "Show and Tell." I had a difficult decision to make when she insisted on wearing her Dora pajama top to school. In the end, I figured it wasn't worth the fight and let her wear the pajama shirt to school. Actually, one good thing has come from Karina's love for Dora. Before this, she never sat still. She would not watch TV. Now, Karina has actually showed us she can sit for at least two minutes when Dora is on TV. **(Editor's Note from Mark: I am hoping the love of Dora works to my benefit. Pierce regularly gets out of his bed and comes into our bed during the night. However, he loves Star Wars, and with his new Star Wars blanket on his own bed he has been staying in his bed all night. Karina, on the other hand, rarely tries to come into our room at night. However, she will not fall asleep. She is the most difficult child to get to bed almost every night. Last night, she actually fell asleep early because I let her lay in our bed watching Dora.)**

Talia and Ariella were very excited about their pillow pet presents. It amazes me the inventions that are made up for kids that are so successful. I mean, what is so great about a pillow that is in the shape of a pet? Talia has been having tea parties with her pillow pet and Ariella has been sleeping with her bumble bee pillow pet every night. **(Editor's Note from Mark: Talia may love her pillow pet, but I don't think it was her favorite gift. Talia's favorite gift came from our friend, Roxie. Roxie gave Talia a beautiful card with money. When I came home from work on the day Talia had received her present from Roxie, Talia came running up to me to tell me what she received. Here I thought kids didn't develop a love for cash until their teenage years! All the kids got gifts from Roxie and were all excited, but Talia was particularly excited.**

Unlike Talia who ran up to me with Roxie's gift, Ariella was doing cartwheels all over the house. Ariella's gymnastics teacher for fun sent home exercises to do over winter vacation and Ariella has been practicing gymnast moves all over the house.)

Alexis' wish list for 2011



10. My house stays clean for at least 10 minutes....not sure this will ever happen but they say you are raising kids not houses, right?
9. Zev keeps his cell phone charged for more than 1 day.... seriously how hard is it for a teenager to keep a cell phone charged? What's the point of having a phone in case of emergencies if the phone is never charged?
8. Karina doesn't write on herself for at least one day....what is so intriguing about magic marking your entire body....what's wrong with paper?
7. Talia agrees to wear something besides leggings....do you know how many hand me down jeans I have for Talia to wear...why does the 3rd girl have to be independent in her fashion?
6. Ariella doesn't ask me the same question 10 times in 1 minute....if you know Ariella you would know this is not a possibility!
5. If Pierce comes into our room in the middle of the night he will sleep on Mark's side of the bed and squish him all night... **(Editor's Note from Mark: That's because he knows if he comes to my side he's gonna find himself sleeping on the ground about 10 seconds later!)**
4. Tate decides to like a different video game than Zev so they don't fight over the same video game every second.... the chances of this happening are slim to none.
3. Kailey skips plans for one day and stays at home for more than 5 minutes... as soon as Kailey comes into the house she is ready to have plans and leave **(Editor's Note from Mark: Kailey says she is "bored" if she spends more than 30 seconds doing any one thing. She turned to me once when we had just sat down on an airplane - before take-off - and said "Dad, I'm bored." As if there is somewhere else we are going to go!)**
2. Mark goes with me to a sports bar and pretends to listen to me for a few minutes rather than watching the TV the entire time... it's amazing how at any kind of restaurant Mark can find the TV with a sports game on it **(Editor's Note from Mark: If you want me to talk to you, take me somewhere that does not have a football or basketball game in view. I love you more than anything, but I am only human!)**
1. Michigan State wins the NCAA tournament...mostly this is for Mark :)

And of course we wish all of our family, friends and clients a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Thank you so much for all your faith in our office. Without your support and the trust you have placed in us, we would not be where we are today. Thank you!

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Email: Ashley@breyerlaw.com.



(Above) Mark and Ashley with a toy donation to a holiday toy drive for kids at Joeta's Leathers!

(On right) Mark and Stefanie with some delicious homemade cookies from Bill and Gail. They were gone in minutes! Thank you!

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