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Messa & Associates File Case On Behalf of Child Injured While at Daycare

Philadelphia personal injury law firm Messa & Associates has filed a lawsuit against Messiah College for an injury suffered by a three-year-old child while she was playing on the playground at the school's Early Learning Day Care Center.

The child was running into the playground when she ran into a latch that was sticking out of the gate on the playground impaling her right eye. The facility, despite another child previously being injured because of the hazardous gate latch, failed to repair it and created a dangerous environment for the children at Messiah College Early Learning Day Care Center.

The girl's right eye was ruptured and she was rushed into emergency ophthalmological surgery to repair her ruptured eye. However, the surgery was unsuccessful and resulted in the loss of her right eye. Joseph L. Messa, Jr. and Thomas N. Sweeney are representing the child and her family in the case.

Recent Settlements and Verdicts

Confidential Settlement in Philadelphia County

\$750,000 settlement for the family of a woman who died as a result of her physicians failure to timely diagnose and treat a cardiac condition following surgery.

The woman underwent surgery, and spent nearly a week at the hospital recovering. During that time, an EKG was performed but despite abnormal results, additional testing was not ordered. The woman was discharged from the hospital without additional treatment and later found unresponsive at her home. She suffered two heart attacks on her way to the hospital and later died while at the hospital.

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Have a Heart Healthy February!

February is American Heart Month. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease causes about 715,000 Americans to have a heart attack each year. An estimated 600,000 people in the United States die as a result of heart disease per year making it the leading cause of death for both men and women. Fortunately, heart disease is preventable and controllable. You can make changes in your diet and daily routine that affect your heart health. Encourage your loved ones to take care of their health during American Health Month and all year long!

Try these simple things to get started on your road to a healthier heart:

- Increase the fiber in your diet. Opt for whole grains, such as brown rice and whole-wheat pasta, to boost your intake of total fiber.
- Get at least 30 minutes of moderate exercise daily.
- Choose fish rich in Omega-3 fats over red meat, or talk to your doctor about fish-oil supplements.
- Cut back on salt and foods containing partially hydrogenated vegetable oils.
- Laugh...Studies show it's great for the heart!

Know the Warning Signs of a Heart Attack

Heart attacks are typically thought of as having severe symptoms that cannot be ignored. However, heart attacks can go undiagnosed causing patients to receive delayed emergency care. Prompt diagnosis of a heart attack is crucial because the possibility of recovering is far greater when patients are treated in the early stages of a heart attack. Failure to diagnose and treat a heart attack can result in death.

Typically, people having a heart attack will experience some chest pain—varying in degree of severity, however, pain may be in the back, upper abdomen, face and/or arm. The pain may be accompanied by extreme sweating, shortness of breath, fatigue, chills, nausea and vomiting, anxiety, paleness, or cyanosis, a bluish discoloration of the lips, feet and hands. If you experience these or other symptoms in the chest, seek medical attention right away and ask for an EKG, blood test or some other diagnostic test. Do not leave the hospital if you are still experiencing pain.

Our attorneys have obtained settlements in cases involving cardiac errors, including \$1 million in the case of a man who died following a failure to diagnose a cardiac arrhythmia in the ER and \$700,000 for failure to diagnose a heart attack where the patient was discharged from the hospital without an EKG or blood test which likely will have revealed the heart attack. If you or a loved one has suffered serious injury or death as a result of the misdiagnosis of a heart condition, please contact us at 1-877-MessaLaw to discuss your case.

Consumer News: The Recall Report

Dressers Linked to Deaths of Two Infants

About 18,000 Million Dollar Baby Dressers manufactured by Bexco are being recalled following the deaths of two toddlers.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the dresser can become unsteady when a child climbs into the drawers and fall over. Both children were trapped and suffocated when the piece of furniture fell over.

The dressers were sold at JCPenney stores and online at Amazon.com and BabiesRUs.com.

Messa & Associates has handled dozens of cases involving injuries and death related to the use of defective products. If you or a loved one has suffered serious injury as a result of using a recalled product, please contact us at 1-877-MessaLaw or visit us at www.messalaw.com.

“We know you want and *deserve* the best when it comes to representation. At Messa & Associates, we strive for nothing short of perfection.”



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