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## OUR GIFT TO YOU

As I write this article it's the day after Thanksgiving – commonly known as “Black Friday.” When I came to work today there was traffic congestion everywhere... and along with this congestion I passed four police cars in a ten mile stretch of roadway. During the next couple of weeks traffic will certainly increase, especially in areas near shopping, such as Route 9. As you run around getting your holiday gift items, travel to visit family, etc., make sure to pay close attention to the road ways. Always be courteous to other drivers, observe all traffic signals, and avoid speeding. You should do this not just to avoid a traffic ticket, but also for the safety of both you and other drivers. But if you find yourself with a ticket, come see us, for the month of December our gift to you - \$100.00 off - representing you in conjunction with any traffic ticket (with this article).

## LEGAL HEADLINES

In Boston, Massachusetts, an elementary school banned playing tag, touch football, and other unsupervised chase games during recess over fear of injury and potential lawsuits. Similar restrictions have been placed in schools in Washington, South Carolina and Wyoming.

## WEIRD LAWS

Did you know that in *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania...*  
Based on a 1760 law, you can not sell pretzels in a bag.

Did you know that in *New Jersey...*  
Cabbage can't be sold on a Sunday.

Did you know that in *New York...*  
It is illegal for a blind person to drive.

Did you know that in *Memphis, Tennessee ....*  
A woman can not drive a car unless a man walks in front of the car warning oncoming traffic & pedestrians.

This month's International law comes from *Australia...*  
Pending legislation would not allow anyone closer than 100 meters to a dead whale carcass. Why? Well it seems that curious tourists often trek near whale carcasses to pet feeding sharks! In order to address the growing problem of stupidity this law was proposed.

To read the full text of these and more weird laws, please visit [www.dumblaws.com](http://www.dumblaws.com).

## FOCUSING ON YOU

*WHAT TO DO IF YOU SLIP & FALL THIS WINTER...*

Freezing rain and icy surfaces can be hazardous to pedestrians during the winter months. Consider the following precautions to make sure you keep safe this winter:

- Buy a good pair of winter boots. Make sure they have a thick, non-slip tread sole, and wide, low heels.
- If you use a cane, make sure to use it when walking out doors, and consider having an ice pick attached to the end of you cane. These are available at most drug stores.
- Remove ice and snow from your sidewalks, or report such conditions to your landlord or the city.
- Always keep your body as loose as possible when walking. Specifically, keep your knees loose, this will keep your center of gravity lower to the ground and will stabilize your body.
- The best way to avoid running into an icy patch is to plan ahead and know safe routes to use when walking.

Even when being safe there is always a chance you can get injured, so if you slip and fall, keep in mind the following tips:

- Receive prompt medical attention.
- Try to determine the cause of your fall by inspecting the area around where you fell.
- Take down the names and contact information for any witnesses. This includes anyone who witnessed you fall or was present after the fall who may have assisted you or treated you for your injuries.
- If the incident occurred at a place of business, speak with the manager or supervisor on duty so a record is made. Make sure to get a copy of any reports prepared. If someone indicates a similar incident occurred at that place, take down the persons name and contact information.
- Take photographs as soon after the incident as possible.
- Contact a personal injury attorney experienced in handling slip and fall cases as soon as possible so you don't miss any applicable statute of limitations dates.

If you or a loved one is injured in a slip and fall accident, give us a call. We are experienced in handling these types of matters and can assist you in receiving compensation for your injuries.