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Dangerous & Deadly Rip Currents

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NO SWIMMING
If in doubt don't.

Don't Get Swept Away

Surviving a Rip Current

With summer quickly approaching beachgoers will be packing Florida's beaches. Unfortunately, many beachgoers are unaware of the presence of rip currents, and worse, how to survive if they are caught in one.

A rip current is a narrow, fast-moving channel of water that starts near the beach and extends offshore through the line of breaking waves. Rip currents can occur at any beach with breaking waves.

The United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) estimates over 100 people in the United States are killed by rip currents each year. Rip currents account for over 80% of rescues performed by beach lifeguards.

If you get caught in a rip current, the best thing you can do is **stay calm**. It is not going to pull you underwater; it is just going to pull you away from shore.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) shares these tips on how to survive a rip current:

- Do NOT fight the current. It's a natural treadmill that travels an average speed of 1-2 feet per second, but has been measured as fast as 8 feet per second—faster than an Olympic swimmer.
- Relax and float to conserve energy. Staying calm may save your life.
- Do NOT try to swim directly into the shore. Swim parallel to the shoreline until you escape the current's pull. When free from the pull of the current, swim at an angle away from the current toward shore.
- If you feel you cannot reach shore, relax, face the shore, and call or wave for help. **Remember: If in doubt, don't go out!**

When you first get to the beach, the best thing you can do is swim in a guarded area. If you have questions about whether the conditions are hazardous or not, ask a lifeguard. Also, many beaches have a flag system or other forms of communication to be able to tell you if the conditions are hazardous.

Be aware of the Rip to help make your trip to the beach a safe and enjoyable one. ■

RIP CURRENTS
Break the Grip of the Rip!

ESCAPE ESCAPE
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RIP CURRENT

Rip currents are powerful currents of water moving away from shore. They can sweep even the strongest swimmer out to sea.
www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov

IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- ◆ Don't fight the current
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- ◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

SAFETY

- ◆ Know how to swim
- ◆ Never Swim alone
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out

More information about rip currents can be found at the following web sites:
www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov
www.usla.org

BEACH WARNING FLAGS
BANDERAS DE ADVERTENCIA EN LA PLAYA

- Water Closed to Public**
Agua Cerrada al Publico
- High Hazard**
High Surf and/or Strong Currents
Peligro Alto, Resaca Alta y/o Corrientes Fuertes
- Medium Hazard**
Moderate Surf and/or Currents
Peligro Medio, Resaca Moderada y/o Corrientes Fuertes
- Low Hazard**
Calm Conditions, Exercise Caution
Peligro Bajo, Condiciones Calmas, Tenga cuidado
- Dangerous Marine Life**
Vida Marina Peligrosa

Absence of Flags Does Not Assure Safe Waters
La ausencia de Banderas No Asegura Aguas Seguras

Rear Facing Child Seats

Parents Often Flip Child Seat to Forward-Facing Too Soon

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 59% of car seats are misused in a way that could reduce effectiveness. A 2011 C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health reported that 73% of parents reported turning their child forward-facing before age 2.

The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests that all infants and toddlers **should ride in a rear-facing seat until they are at least 2-years-old or until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by their car safety seat manufacturer.**

When rear-facing, a child's back, neck and head are all supported by the car seat during an accident. Rear-facing car seats are five times safer than front-facing in a crash.

Our law firm's website has a page devoted to **Child Seat Safety – The proper Use of Child Safety Seats** – visit www.murrayguari.com/child-seat-safety. We also offer a free 20-minute Child Safety Seat presentation to the public, schools and daycare centers. For more information, please contact Pam Henney at (561) 366-9099 or email phenney@murrayguari.com. ■



Drugged Driving Tops Drunk Driving

The Governors' Highway Safety Association and the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility are reporting that **43 percent of fatally injured drivers with known test results tested positive for drugs**, while 38 percent tested positive for alcohol.

Drug impaired driving or drugged driving, whether a motorist is high or impaired on prescription medication, marijuana or opioids, is difficult to confirm because there are no roadside tests as there are for detecting drunk driving. Experts believe a standard test will be difficult since drugs have varying effects on users.

Surveys of regular marijuana users in Colorado and Washington state, where recreational use is legal, found that almost none of them thought marijuana use impaired their driving, while they believed drinking alcohol did.

The report recommends that states develop education campaigns, which can include discussing drugged driving in driver education classes, and informing physicians and pharmacists about the risks of driving on prescription drugs.

To review the report and recommendations **visit: www.ghsa.org/resources/drugged-driving-2017**. ■



Help Kids at St. Jude's

St. Jude's – Every Donation Counts!

Murray Guari Trial Attorneys is a proud sponsor of **St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital**. The Serve An Ace – Tennis & Golf Tournament was a near and dear event to Attorney Jason Guari's late mother – Theresa "Teri" Guari. Teri was an avid tennis player from Jonathan's Landing and a fond supporter of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Teri and her Jonathan's Landing friends visited and toured St. Jude Children's Hospital and were extremely impressed by how much its staff cares for its young patients and their families. It is important to note that **families never receive a bill from St. Jude** for treatment, travel, housing or food — because all a family should worry about is helping their child live.

To learn more about this great cause or to make a donation, please visit <https://www.stjude.org/>. ■



Modes of Transportation Word Search



Circle-Word List

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|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Accident | Emergency | Injury |
| Ambulance | Fatal | Police |
| Casualty | Fireman | Prevent |
| Damage | FirstAid | Rescue |
| Danger | Hazard | Safety |

And The Answer is?

What percent of drivers killed in traffic accidents nationwide tested positive for drugs in 2015?

- 25%
- 38%
- 40%
- 43%



*See page 5 for answer.

Supporting Our Community



Bench Bar Conference

The Annual Palm Beach County Bar Association's Bench Bar Conference. Attorney Scott Perry was a Session Co-Chair and Attorney Jason Guari was the moderator for the Personal Injury Section Panel. Pictured (L-R): The Honorable Edward Artau, Jason Guari, Scott Perry, Katherine Woods, and The Honorable Meenu Sasser. ■

Mallets & Martinis

Vita Nova Board Member Scott Murray with wife Jamie at Mallets and Martinis benefiting Vita Nova's program and services for children aging out of foster care. Vita Nova helps young adults transition to independence by providing a stable, nurturing environment that includes housing, counseling and education. ■



Law Day Luncheon

Attorneys Scott Murray, Scott Perry and Jason Guari attend the Palm Beach County Bar Association's annual Law Day Luncheon. The keynote speaker was Amanda Knox. ■



Thank You For Your Confidence And Trust In Us

We at Murray Guari are thankful and humbled by the **positive feedback from our clients**. We remain strong in our focus – helping our clients when they need it most. Here, we share some recent comments provided by clients:

Scott Murray puts you at ease the moment you meet. For someone in pain, this is where I judge how I will be treated. In many slip & falls cases people are very embarrassed. You will never feel this way with him. The whole office is there to see to your care & needs. They go way beyond office hours to help you out. My case was handled with the utmost skill. By the time we came to the pretrial, the negligence was so firmly established they could not even refute any of our proof. I was awarded so much more than I ever thought I could get. Scott Murray is someone I very highly recommend.

~ Anonymous May 2017

I cannot recommend Jason and his team more. Through the thick and thin of the past 2 years they have been right by my side. Truthfully went above and beyond. Jason really cares about his clients and making sure they are well taken care of.

~ KP May 2017



Meet Tonia Guglielmo

Tonia joined the firm in 2016. She is a Legal Assistant for the Pre-Litigation Department supporting the Senior Paralegal and the firm's attorneys working up and preparing cases for demand and settlement. ■

Recognitions

Our attorneys have been recognized on the local and national levels for their achievements in law, as well as their community leadership and other activities.



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How Can We Help?

At Murray Guari Trial Attorneys PL, we **represent victims** throughout Florida who have suffered serious personal injuries due to the negligence of others. At our firm, you will find a team that is **truly concerned about your well-being and getting justice for you.** We are proud that our clients come to us based on a personal recommendation from past clients and from other attorneys in the community who respect our reputation and the quality of our work. We would be honored to put our experience, skill and integrity to work for you. ■



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