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Beyond Bumps – Road Reflectors

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Road Reflectors

How Road Colors Guide and Protect You

Most days, you speed past them without a second glance - those unassuming bumps and reflective dots embedded in the asphalt. They are called road reflectors, cats' eyes, or even raised pavement markers. These markers play a vital role in keeping our roads safe. Beyond those occasional "bumpy" reminders, they often go unnoticed and underappreciated.

Road Reflectors' Critical Functions

Road reflectors play a pivotal role in guiding drivers, preventing accidents, and ensuring safe navigation on the roads through:

- **Enhanced Visibility:** Reflectors enhance visibility, especially in adverse weather conditions, by reflecting vehicle headlights back to the drivers. This helps in outlining the road's boundaries and guiding drivers, preventing accidents due to veering off the road.
- **Lane Delineation:** Reflectors are strategically placed to indicate lane divisions. They assist drivers in maintaining proper lane discipline, reducing the risk of collisions caused by lane drifting.
- **Warning Signs:** Reflectors are often used near curves, intersections, pedestrian crossings, and construction zones, alerting drivers to be cautious and prepared for potential hazards.

The Importance of Colors in Road Reflectors

Road reflectors come in various colors, each serving a specific purpose:

- **Red Reflectors:** Red reflectors are mandatory nationwide. When you see a red reflector, visible from only one direction, think BAD! It typically indicates that you are going in the wrong direction. Road reflectors will likely appear white or yellow to drivers driving in the correct direction.
- **White Reflectors:** White reflectors typically supplement white lines on the roadway. They help drivers maintain their lanes, ensuring organized and safe traffic movement.
- **Yellow Reflectors:** Yellow (or amber) reflectors typically supplement yellow lines on the roadway. They help drivers maintain their lanes, ensuring organized and safe traffic movement.
- **Blue Reflectors:** Although less common, blue reflectors help first responders in locating fire hydrants. They are not legally required but placement is encouraged for public safety. Blue reflectors are often placed at the center of the road closest to the fire hydrant.
- **Green Reflectors:** Green reflectors are used to mark a gate or entry that fire and emergency vehicles can open in gated communities.

Though often unnoticed, road reflectors are an integral part of our road safety infrastructure. Despite their subtle presence, they are pivotal in ensuring safe navigation and accident prevention on our daily commutes. ■



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Damages

Damages in a civil lawsuit are what a plaintiff is seeking to recover. In a personal injury claim, damages are calculated in terms of money. There are two categories of damages, economic damages which are measurable – such as medical expenses and lost wages – and non-economic damages that are more difficult to measure – such as pain and suffering.

Black's Law Dictionary



HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH

Don't Just Lift, Find Your Core: Why Balance Matters

Squats might sculpt your legs, but without balance, your fitness might wobble. Neglecting balance and stability exercises leaves you prone to injuries and limits your athletic potential.

Enter these unsung heroes: single-leg holds, BOSU ball drills, and planks. They strengthen your core, the powerhouse that connects your upper and lower body, and engage smaller, often-ignored muscles that stabilize your joints, providing the foundation of your movement.

The result? Beyond injury prevention, you gain:

Athletic advantage: Better agility, control, and power in any sport, from quick cuts on the field to graceful yoga transitions.

Everyday ease: Navigate uneven surfaces, carry groceries, and bend with confidence.

Posture and pain relief: A strong core supports your spine, improving posture and preventing aches.



Don't relegate balance to the sidelines. Integrate it into your routine, whether it's a plank hold after strength sets or lunges on an unstable surface. Remember, true fitness is about moving confidently and gracefully. So, find your center, strengthen your core, and discover the hidden power of balance. ■

Florida Tightens Golf Cart Rules

Age Limits and ID Required

According to Florida law, some golf carts may be considered Low-Speed Vehicles (LSVs). LSVs are described as any vehicle with four wheels that can travel at speeds over 20 miles per hour but do not exceed 25 miles per hour. They can only be operated on streets where the speed limit is 35 mph or slower.

Florida law mandates that LSVs, Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV), or street legal golf carts be equipped with various safety features such as stop lamps, turn signal lamps, headlamps, taillights, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, reflex reflectors, windshields, wiper blades, seat belts, license plate and VINs. While insurance is not required for golf carts, LSVs require minimum liability coverage, particularly those with state-assigned VINs indicating they are street legal. Even if you are not required to carry insurance, you should get the necessary coverage to protect you and your passengers in case of an accident. Depending on the vehicle type and your insurance, this might be in the form of a motorcycle endorsement, an add on to your automobile insurance, or an add on to your homeowner's policy.

Unfortunately, these vehicles do not require safety features like doors or airbags and as a result, local hospitals have experienced a significant increase in golf cart injuries, especially among teens and young children. Most of which have been head injuries, but there have also been tragic fatalities. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, golf cart injuries among children are rising, and more than 6,500 kids are hurt in golf carts every year.

This has led Florida lawmakers to pass a new law – HB 949. The law which took effect in October 2023, states that any person operating a golf cart on a public road or street must:

- If 18 years of age or older, possess a form of government-issued photographic identification.
- If under 18 years of age, possess a valid learner's driver license or valid driver license.
- The bill also authorizes water control districts to designate roads owned and maintained by the district for the operation of golf carts, provided the district receives approval from the county where the designated road is located.

Anyone found violating Florida's new golf cart law will receive a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as a moving violation with a fine of up to \$108. It's imperative for golf cart operators to comply with these regulations to ensure safety on Florida's roads. Stay safe out there. ■



Firm News



Meet Team Member Alyssa Sasson, RFP

Alyssa joined our law firm in August 2023 as a Litigation Paralegal. She has over five (5) years of experience in the law field and is a member of The Florida Bar, as a Florida Registered Paralegal. She was born in New York and has been a resident in Palm Beach County, Florida for the last twelve (12) years. She graduated with her AA in Psychology and AS in Paralegal Studies at Palm Beach State College. As a Litigation Paralegal, Alyssa manages discovery, works closely with clients when their cases are in litigation, and assists in trial preparations. Prior to joining the firm, she worked as a legal assistant in the area of employment law and routinely assisted with discovery, trial, and trial preparations. Alyssa has always been passionate about helping others and providing good customer service. In her free time, she enjoys reading, cooking, and spending time on nature walks. ■



Meet Team Member Kimberley Vought

Kim joined the firm in September 2023 as a Legal Assistant in the Intake Department supporting the Senior Paralegal and the firm's attorneys in opening new files. She grew up in Delray Beach and has lived in South Florida her whole life. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Florida Atlantic University with a certificate in Peace, Justice, and Human Rights. Her interest in the law centers on helping people through difficult times in their lives, and she loves the idea of pursuing justice on their behalf. ■

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 on our focus – helping our clients when they need it most. **Here are a couple of recent reviews provided by our clients:**

"The whole team truly treats you like family. Thank you, guys, for everything. I personally recommend giving them a call about your next auto accident. You WILL NOT regret it." ~ EF

"I hold these gentlemen and the law firm to the highest regard. Highly recommend them for any legal issues you may come across. Always respectable, and professional. They really care about their clients' wellbeing and make the overall process enjoyable Thanks again guys!" ~ JR

"They really take care of their clients and get the most for them." ~ SD

"I was so grateful to have this group working for me. Jason and Josh were always available if I had a question. They were patient and walked me through a difficult process with kindness and support. They treated me like family, and I appreciate it!" ~ CG

"Best in town hands down. Super professional. I would definitely recommend to anybody looking for representation." ~ WD

"Absolutely the best! Scott Murray is very knowledgeable and attentive. Always available to answer any questions I may have. Thank you so much for your services." ~ FJ

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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