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OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL/DRUGS (OUI):



Did you know that when stopped by police for driving under

the influence of alcohol and/or drugs you do not have to take a field sobriety test? There is no penalty for refusing a field sobriety test. Your refusal to submit to a field sobriety test cannot be mentioned at trial. The only potential advantage is avoiding being charged if you complete the test perfectly, which is no easy task, even for a sober individual.

Did you know that your refusal to submit to a Breathalyzer (the portable one offered at the place of stop and the one offered at the police station) also cannot be mentioned at trial? However, if you refuse to take a Breathalyzer offered at the police station, your driver's license will be suspended for a minimum of 6 months for a first offense, 3 years for a second offense, 5 years for a third offense, and a lifetime for a 4th or subsequent offense.

Did you know that if you are under the age of 21 and you refuse to take a Breathalyzer, your license will be suspended for 3 years?

Did you know that not doing a field sobriety test or taking a Breathalyzer greatly increases your

chances of being found not guilty at trial?

WORKER'S COMPENSATION:



Did you know that worker's compensation only

pays for your medical bills, loss of earning capacity and loss of function? There is no recovery for pain and suffering, unless your employer does not have you covered under his/her worker's compensation policy.

Did you know that you are entitled to worker's compensation even if your employer does not have worker's compensation insurance?

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if you are working without a green card and are not being paid through your employer's payroll (e.g., being paid cash off the books)?

Did you know that you do not have to go to your employer's doctor for treatment? You have a right to choose your own doctor for treatment.

Did you know that if you are injured on the job you can still collect worker's compensation, even if the injury was your fault?

Did you know that if a work-related injury has caused you to be out of work for more than 5 days you are entitled to worker's compensation benefits starting on the 6th day at the rate of 60% of your average weekly wage, and that after the 20th day of being out of work, your employer must also pay you for the first 5 days out of work?

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS:



Did you know that if another unknown driver caused

you to lose control of your vehicle without making contact, you can still collect money for your injuries?

Did you know that if an unknown driver collided with your vehicle and left the scene of the collision without identifying him/herself, you can still collect money for your injuries?

Did you know that you can only collect money for your injuries if your medical bills exceed \$2,000 or if your injuries consist of a fracture or a permanent and serious disfigurement

(e.g., scar) or result in the loss of a body part, sight, hearing or death?

Did you know that if you are involved in a motor vehicle collision, you are entitled to up to \$8,000.00 in medical bill and/or lost wages benefits, even if it is your fault?

Did you know that if you are injured in a motor vehicle collision, you are entitled to up to \$8,000.00 in medical coverage for your car collision related injuries, even if you do not have health insurance?

Did you know you can go to any doctor you choose for treatment?

Did you know that you may be entitled to additional benefits from a motor vehicle insurance policy of a vehicle that was not involved in the collision?

DEFECTIVE PRODUCTS:



Did you know that sometimes you can recover

money for injuries resulting from your use of a product or goods (e.g., a machine and tool)? When a machine or tool is unreasonably dangerous due to improper design and/or lack of adequate warning, that product is not fit for the ordinary purposes for which such goods are used regardless of the absence of fault on the seller's part. As a result, you may have a personal injury claim against the manufacturer and seller of that product.

DOG BITES:



Did you know that the owner or keeper of a dog is strictly liable for the

injuries caused by a dog bite, unless the person bit was trespassing, teasing, tormenting or abusing such dog at the time of the bite? If the person bit is under seven years of age at the time of the bite, it shall be presumed that such minor was not trespassing, teasing, tormenting or abusing such dog.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING ANY OF THESE TOPICS OR HAVE A SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY THAT NEEDS AN EXPERIENCED LAWYER, DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT THE LAW OFFICES OF PETER SLEPCHUK AT 413-736-3649 FOR A FREE CONSULTATION.