

**August 2011 Newsletter**

New faces, backyard safety tips, overseas trips, and more! It's a busy, busy summer . . .

**Production Begins on Informational Videos and Commerical**

On Friday, August 12 Mr. Coye began production on upcoming media projects with the "Eyewitness News at Noon" crew from [Orlando WFTV, Channel 9](#). During an all day filming session which took place at the Coye Law Firm [Orlando office](#), Mr. Coye prepared two 2-minute segments for the daily news show, as well as began filming for an exclusive commercial to be premiered on WFTV in upcoming weeks.

In the informational videos, Mr. Coye has the chance to elaborate on answers to some of the most common questions regarding [Social Security Disability \(SSD\)](#) claims, and the importance of contacting a lawyer in the event of a [car accident](#).

In one video, Mr. Coye discusses what is entailed in an SSD claim, the basics of how a claim can help in the event you are injured or ill, and the importance of being aware how timeliness in a claim can benefit you.

In the second video, Mr. Coye discusses the importance of speaking with an attorney as immediately as possible after an auto accident so that all [insurance](#) options can be evaluated for your claim. An attorney can advise on various types of potential insurance claims, and options for disability or other overlapping claims. Mr. Coye wants people to be aware of their rights and was delighted to be able to speak on this topic.



Although filming was productive on the 12th, there are still details to be completed in post-production, and we do not yet have a scheduled release date for the videos. Mr. Coye and all the staff are excited to see the final results, and will schedule a press release to alert the community when we have confirmation of the dates they will air.

**Enjoy Florida in Your Own Backyard**

Although summer is winding down, the year-round sun and warm temperatures in Florida allow us to play outside all year. As you enjoy the weather, make sure that your backyard is free of hazards.

[Allstate](#) reminds homeowners to:

- Find and fix holes in the yard that could be trip hazards.
- Exterminate bees, wasps, and other dangerous pests.
- Check that all play equipment is free of protruding nails and screws, rust, and rotten wood. Swing sets should also be anchored securely.
- Get serious about [swimming pool safety](#).
- Keep tools and chemicals inaccessible to children.

Backyard toys and equipment are especially important to pay attention to in order to avoid children injuring themselves. If you have a trampoline in your yard, consider the frequency with which children are hurt on them. In 2006, the estimated number of trampoline-caused injuries was 109,522, and the most common age group to be injured was children 5-14 years old. According to the [Consumer Product Safety Review](#), common emergency room visits for trampoline injuries include cuts, sprains, strains, and fractures, but can be more serious and involve [spinal injury](#), paralysis, and death. [Some experts](#) warn against letting children jump on trampolines at all, and the debate is that there is no way to make them safe. To prevent injuries, you might consider:

- covering springs with [padding](#)
- never allowing more than one person to jump at a time
- keeping ladders at a distance where small children cannot climb onto the trampoline unattended

Another backyard activity that continues to be popular with the whole family year-round is grilling and barbecuing. Although [grilling](#) is not a major source of at-home injury, serious burns, carbon monoxide inhalation, and carbon dioxide poisoning can occur and result in [devastating effects](#).

The most likely group to be injured are children under 7, either with burns or injuries from colliding with a grill. However, children aren't the only ones who can be injured. Men in their 20's have the next highest rate of injury, especially on the hands and arms. In order to avoid having an enjoyable experience turn into an emergency room trip, consider:

- keeping children away from the grill area and under supervision at all times
- covering sharp edges or protrusions from the grill
- insulating the handles of your grill
- replacing grilling tools with exposed metal handles for ones that are insulated
- purchasing grill mitts which are durable, have a high temperature resistance, and reach as high as the elbow
- always using lighting accelerant to the manufacturer's recommendations. **Never** use greater amounts of lighter fluid than necessary and **never** use gasoline as an accelerant

Of course, fires are another concern with grills, and precautions should be taken in order to [lower the fire hazard](#) they pose.

- **Never** leave a lit grill unattended
- Place grills at least 10 feet away from buildings on a level surface before lighting. (Some apartments, condos, and townhomes have restrictions about grilling on patios or balconies. Check with your property manager or lease before grilling.) Set up on concrete if possible. Do not set up near shrubbery, loose leaves, pine needles, or wooden fences.
- Don't store propane tanks, lighter fluid, or other flammable materials under or near the grill.



Check out this [comprehensive tip list](#) for more great ideas!

You can check out your Backyard Safety IQ at [safetyathome.com!](#)

**Help us welcome our newest staff interns: Tiffany and Brooke!**



The Coye Law Firm would like to welcome the two newest legal interns to our staff! Tiffany Basdeoingh and Brooke Cushman are both juniors at the University of Central Florida, where they are preparing for careers in law.

Tiffany is an Honor's student working on a degree in legal studies with a minor in sociology, while Brooke is working on a BS in Accounting with a minor in legal studies who volunteers for numerous organizations through the University. To her experience at the Coye Law Firm Tiffany brings a diverse cultural background, strident standards of academic achievement, and a bubbly can-do attitude. Brooke shines with her intense business background, multiple scholastic accolades, and passion and commitment to the community. These ladies have joined the personal injury and litigation departments, and are already identifying themselves as superstars.

Ms. Basdeoingh Ms. Cushman

Welcome ladies! You can find out more about their achievements and information on all the interns at the Coye Law Firm by visiting our [intern profile page](#).

**The International Adventures of the Coye Family: 4 Weeks in Paris**

Mr. and Mrs. Coye with two of their children, Brady and Parker, had a wonderful opportunity this summer to spend a month in Paris, with Mr. Coye braving the trans-Atlantic trip twice to balance time between work and family. Amongst the highlights of the trip Mrs. Coye recounts their visit to Napoleon's tomb, and tours of the Catacombs, Monet's home in Giverny, the Pantheon, the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, and a day spent touring political sites such as the UMP headquarters, [the presidential residence](#), and the National Assembly. Mrs. Coye also relished the memorable experiences of attending mass at Notre Dame, and learning to make macaroons in a French cooking class. The family was fortunate to be there to celebrate some unique events as well, such as Bastille Day and the conclusion of the [Tour de France](#). Mr. Coye especially appreciated the visit to Omaha Beach and the [American Memorial Cemetery](#) in Normandy, and the vast sense of history which saturates the entire city. As a commemorative gesture toward their own personal history of 20 years of marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Coye put a lock on the "lover's bridge," renown as the most romantic bridge in the city. The family got to sample some of the most amazing food in the world and the Coye children were probably most excited to see the newest *Harry Potter* movie on the largest 3-D screen in the world, and the cool chance to tour Paris via Segways. All in all, the Coyes describe the trip as a dream come true which will provide the family with memories for a lifetime.



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