# **But Weed is Legal**



In a decisive move to enhance road safety, the Ohio legislature is revisiting the statutes concerning driving under the influence (DUI). As they fine-tune the legal text, one message remains crystal clear:

Never get behind the wheel unless you are sober.

Driving under the influence is

a serious criminal offense that carries substantial penalties. The Ohio legislature's rigorous scrutiny of DUI laws signals a heightened effort to clamp down on this dangerous behavior.

### Ohio's Legislature Sharpens DUI Laws

For Ohioans, the impending changes mean it's more crucial than ever to stay informed. The final form of the statute may introduce stricter penalties, more extensive sobriety checkpoints, and advanced technology in enforcement measures. Yet, regardless of the legal details, the foundation of the law remains unchanged: If you drive impaired, you put lives at risk.

The law's spirit underscores a zero-tolerance stance on DUI. It's a stark reminder that our choices have consequences. With ride-share options and designated driver services more accessible than ever, there's no excuse for driving under the influence.

# **Winter Driving Tips**

## Navigating Winter Roads: Your Safe Driving Checklist

As the winter blankets Northeast Ohio with snow and ice, driving can become a challenging undertaking. The Czack Law Firm is committed to your safety on the road. Here's a checklist and



some tips to ensure your winter driving is as safe as possible.

#### **PREPARATION IS KEY:**

- **Vehicle Readiness:** Ensure your vehicle is winter-ready with proper winter or all -season tires,(with plenty of tread), a battery check, and adequate antifreeze.
- **Emergency Kit:** Stock your car with an emergency kit including blankets, a flashlight, a first-aid kit, a shovel, and snacks.

#### ON THE ROAD:

- Reduced Speed: Decrease your speed to account for lower traction (and longer stopping distances) when driving on snow or ice.
- **Following Distance:** Increase your following distance to five to six seconds to provide ample stopping time.
- **Brake Gently:** Apply the brakes gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brakes.

#### **HANDLING SKIDS:**

- **Steer Into the Skid:** If you start to skid, remain calm, and steer in the direction you want to go.
- **Avoid Sudden Stops:** If possible, try to avoid stopping while going up a hill.

#### **BE AWARE:**

- Weather Updates: Stay informed about the weather conditions and road closures.
- Rest Stops: Plan for longer trips with breaks to avoid fatigue.

Remember, if conditions are too adverse, consider postponing your travel. Stay warm and drive carefully!

# Pictures, Pictures, and More Pictures

Ample Photographs and Videos Of The Scene In a Premises Case Can Be The Difference Between Having a Case And Not Having a Case Because It's All About What We Can Prove

At The Czack Law Firm, we've seen firsthand the impact of photographs and videos in premises liability cases. When it comes to personal injury law, the evidence we can see, and touch often speaks louder than any words. Photographs and videos are invaluable in these scenarios. This point hits close to home in our line of work. Visual evidence captures the condition of a site at the moment of an incident, documenting crucial details like icy paths, unmarked obstacles, or inadequate lighting that might otherwise go unnoticed.

These images are more than mere snapshots; they are objective witnesses to the truth. Unlike human recollection, which can be clouded or biased, photographs and videos offer clear, unbiased perspectives of the circumstances surrounding an accident.

We recommend documenting accident scenes immediately if safe to do so. This practice can preserve essential details, crucial for building a strong case.

The Czack Law Firm skillfully utilizes every available resource, including photographic and video evidence, to advocate for our clients. In the world of personal injury law, a picture is not just worth a thousand words; it can be the key to unlocking justice.

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# Thank You for New Accident Referrals!

# **Critical Steps After a Motor Vehicle Accident**

No one expects to get in a car crash, and the shock people feel the moments after the collision could leave them disoriented. Considering accidents can cause head and other trauma, thinking clearly can be difficult. However, serious steps become necessary after a vehicle collision on Ohio roads. Certain actions may involve medical treatment, while others could address potential legal issues afterward.

#### Safety matters at accident scenes

Safety is typically a top priority after a collision. Checking for injuries on oneself and any passengers could speed up the ability to procure necessary medical care. Not all injuries are apparent, and someone could suffer from a concussion or internal injuries. Accident victims may pass away after an accident because they didn't know how seriously they were hurt and did not seek medical evaluations. Moving the vehicle out of traffic and out of harm's way is often advisable when possible. Persons involved in a collision might not wish to remain in danger of getting hit again. Staying in the path of traffic presents that risk.

#### Legal matters after an accident

Leaving the scene of an accident could get someone into enormous trouble, and arguing with the other parties involved in motor vehicle accidents could lead to conflict. Remaining calm and collecting essential information like driver's licenses and insurance details are crucial steps. Similarly, it may be best to avoid admitting fault since this could cause legal problems.

Contacting the police might be helpful. The police could restore order at a chaotic scene and call for emergency medical assistance if necessary. Also, the police will write a report, which could be used as evidence in a civil case. It is important to take photographs of the

accident scene and gather contact information from witnesses, as it can serve as valuable evidence. Providing ample proof of harm and losses may benefit those seeking compensation for injuries.

If you or someone you know has been injured in a motor vehicle accident, call us for a no-cost, no-obligation consultation at (216) 696-9216.

## Tom Hobbs Selected as National Trial Lawyer Top 40 Under 40 and SuperLawyers as a 2024 Rising Star

With a new year, comes great things! Our very own, Attorney Tom Hobbs, not only has been re-selected as a National Trial Lawyer Top 40 under 40 for Ohio but has also been selected



by SuperLawyers as a 2024 Ohio Rising Stars list! Only 2.5% of attorneys in Ohio receive this distinction and this honor is reserved for those lawyers who exhibit excellence in practice. In addition, Mike has once again been named to the list of SuperLawyers in Cleveland for the 22nd year in a row!

Here at Czack Law, we vigorously represent our clients in every aspect of their claim. Should you or anyone you know need help with an injury or malpractice case, do not hesitate to give them our name and number! It is always free to talk to us about a potential case!



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