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IS PROPERTY IN A LIVING TRUST AT RISK IN A LAWSUIT?

Question: My grandparents are being sued over a car accident. The other party found out my grandparents' net worth, started seeing dollar signs, and asked for \$125,000. Can the money that my grandparents put in a living trust be taken if the other party wins?

A standard, revocable living trust — in which your grandparents are both the grantors (the people who set up the trust) and the trustees (the people in charge of the trust assets until their death) — doesn't

offer any protection if your grandparents lose a lawsuit. Trust property is treated just like any other asset. No wonder some people hide their money under the mattress.

— *Nolo Wills & Estate Planning Center*

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WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CAR SUDDENLY ACCELERATES

A Toyota recall early this year brought renewed attention to a dangerous problem: sudden, uncontrolled acceleration while driving. Whatever its cause, drivers need to know how to bring their car to a safe stop if the gas pedal sticks. Here's some advice:

- Don't panic. Remaining calm will help you cope with the situation more effectively.
- Press the brake firmly. Use both feet if necessary. Don't pump your brakes.
- Shift into neutral. Make sure you know how to quickly get to the neutral gear in your car.
- Turn off the ignition. As soon as you've stopped, turn off your vehicle's engine.

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JOKE OF THE MONTH

My friend Myron tells me, "Last year on Mother's Day the whole family got together for a big dinner. Afterward, when Mom started to clean up, I said to her, 'Don't bother with those dishes, Mom — today is Mother's Day, you can always do them tomorrow'."

— *Joey Adams, The Friars Club Encyclopedia of Jokes*

Laughter is known to boost the immune system, lower blood pressure, burn calories and release pleasure-inducing chemicals in the brain.

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HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND TREAT BURN INJURIES



Burns can be painful — and serious. It's all a matter of degree. To know how to treat a burn, and when to call a doctor, first learn to distinguish

the different types of burns.

First degree burns: Only the outer layer of skin is damaged. The skin is red, with some swelling and pain. This is the least serious type of burn and can be treated with first aid.

Second degree burns: The first layer of skin has been burned through, and the layer underneath is red and splotchy. Blisters may develop, along with swelling.

Third degree burns: The most serious type of burn, affecting all layers of skin and possibly causing permanent damage to tissues and even bones. Skin

may appear either charred and black, or white and dry.

For third degree burns, immediate medical attention is needed. Don't remove burned clothing or soak in water, but cover the area with a cool, wet sterile cloth or bandage. If possible, raise the burned area of the body above the level of the heart.

With first degree burns, or second-degree burns that don't cover more than 3 inches of skin, hold the burned area under cool — but not cold — running water for about 15 minutes. Don't put ice on the burn. Wrap the wound in a loose dressing of sterile gauze, keeping air and pressure off the burn. Don't break any blisters that form. The patient can take over the counter medications such as aspirin, ibuprofen, or acetaminophen for pain.

Keep an eye out for increased redness, swelling, or oozing, and call a doctor if any of these signs of infection develop.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE MPPAF'S NATIONAL RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Best Friends Animal Society: bestfriends.org, (435) 644-2001

Best Friends Animal Society, a national charitable organization, works with shelters, rescue groups, and the public to support the No More Homeless Pets campaign, through adoption, spay/neuter services, and educational programs. They operate an animal sanctuary in Utah, publish *Best Friends* magazine and provide animal-friendly information and resources.

2nd Chance 4 Pets: 2ndchance4pets.org, (408) 871-1133

2nd Chance 4 Pets, a nonprofit animal welfare organization, provides free information about lifetime care plans for pets, pet care instruction documents, and emergency wallet and home identification cards. The organization's goal is to reduce the number of pets euthanized due to the death or disability of their human companion.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Mothers are the only race of people that speak the same tongue. A mother in Manchuria could converse with a mother in Nebraska and never miss a word.”

— Will Rogers

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