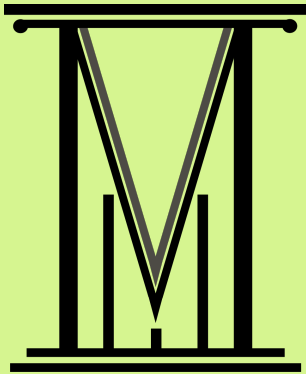




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**Stay Safe This Holiday Season: A Personal Injury
Lawyer's Tips for Fort Collins Residents**

The holiday season in Fort Collins is a magical time. From twinkling lights downtown to festive gatherings with friends and family, it's a season full of joy and celebration. However, it's also a time when accidents and injuries tend to spike, from car crashes on icy roads to slip-and-falls at busy shopping centers.

As a personal injury lawyer serving the Fort Collins community, I want to

share some tips to help you and your loved ones stay safe this holiday season.

1. Drive Carefully on Icy Roads

Colorado winters are no joke. Black ice and sudden snowstorms can make driving treacherous this time of year. If you're traveling to holiday events:

- **Slow down:** Speeding on slick roads significantly increases your risk of losing control.
- **Give extra space:** Keep a greater distance from other vehicles to allow for unexpected stops.
- **Stay sober:** Holiday celebrations often include alcohol—never get behind the wheel if you've been drinking.

If you're involved in an accident, remember to document the scene, exchange information, and seek medical attention, even if injuries seem minor.

2. Shop Safely During the Holiday Rush

Shopping centers are packed this time of year, and with increased crowds come higher risks of slip-and-falls or parking lot accidents.

- **Watch your step:** Snow and ice often accumulate near entrances. Wear sturdy, non-slip footwear.
- **Stay alert in parking lots:** Drivers distracted by the rush to find a spot can pose a danger to pedestrians.
- **Report hazards:** If you notice a dangerous condition in a store, notify management to protect others.

3. Protect Yourself at Holiday Events

Whether attending a festive office party or a family gathering, take precautions to avoid common injuries:

- **Keep walkways clear:** Snow-covered sidewalks and poorly lit paths can lead to falls.
- **Moderate alcohol consumption:** Overindulging can increase your risk of accidents.
- **Use ladders safely:** When decorating, always use a sturdy ladder and have someone spot you if needed.

4. Be Mindful of Winter Sports

Fort Collins residents love outdoor activities like skiing, snowboarding, and ice skating. While fun, these activities come with inherent risks.

- **Wear the right gear:** Helmets and protective equipment can prevent serious injuries.
- **Know your limits:** Don't push yourself to try advanced slopes or tricks if you're not experienced.
- **Check conditions:** Make sure trails, rinks, or slopes are safe and well-maintained.

What to Do if You're Injured

Even with precautions, accidents can happen. If you're injured due to someone else's negligence, here are the steps to take:

1. **Seek medical attention immediately,** even if you feel okay at first.
2. **Document the incident:** Take photos, gather witness statements, and file a report if applicable.
3. **Consult a personal injury attorney:** An experienced lawyer can help you understand your rights and pursue the compensation you deserve.

Enjoy the Holidays Safely

The holidays should be a time of joy, not stress from preventable accidents. By staying mindful of your surroundings and taking a few simple precautions, you can protect yourself and your loved ones this season.

If the unexpected does occur, know that VanMeveren Law Group is here to support you. We're proud to serve this community and are always ready to help you navigate life's challenges.

From all of us, happy holidays and stay safe, Fort Collins!

RECENT CLIENT WIN



A 59-year-old woman is struck by an oncoming driver on a winding mountain road, causing a multi-car collision. Our client sustains a broken left collarbone resulting in several months of painful recovery. Our client was visiting from another state at the time of the crash, and she sought help from the local experts at VanMeveren Law Group. Our team was able to fully document her economic and non-economic damages for a recovery of \$70,000.00, more than 10 times our client's medical expenses.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES IN FORT COLLINS

Create lasting memories this festive season! Whether it's a holiday craft, pet photos with Santa, or a trip to the theater, there is something for everyone this December. Visit www.visitfortcollins.com for the full calendar of December activities!

Christmas Wreath Making Class at the Bath & Garden Center
December 3rd



Canyon Concert Ballet: The Nutcracker at the Lincoln Center
December 4th-8th



Experience the Denver Christkndlmarket Tradition at the Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures
December 14th



Santa at Chipper's Lanes Horsetooth

December 21st & 22nd



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See what our clients have to say!

"A great team. I worked with Catharine Fullerton and Gabi Gufino. Both provided great support; quickly and clearly explaining the process and the status and answering my questions. They put a lot of time and effort into successfully resolving accident insurance claims and the even more complicated medical service billing and payment issues. There were a lot of medical services, many service providers and multiple medical insurance entities. I would never have gotten it straightened out on my own. I was able to concentrate on my recovery from the accident, hospital admissions, surgeries and therapy knowing they were taking care of (the sometimes baffling) financial component of the whole thing."

- Former Client

ADOPTABLE PET OF THE MONTH

Doll Face

Looking to gift a furry friend this holiday season? Look no further! VanMeveren Law Group is a proud supporter of Animal Friends Alliance. Learn more about how you can adopt, foster or get involved at savinganimalstoday.org or call the AFA Taft Hill Shelter at (970)-484-8516



Doll Face is an active, mischievous pup with energy to spare. She loves romping outside, either running the length of the yard or chewing on a stick. She is an independent pup who is more likely to nap in her own bed when she is done playing but she loves pats and attention from her humans. She is also interested in other dogs and would probably enjoy a canine sibling.

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