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## MESSA & ASSOCIATES ATTORNEYS SELECTED AS 2012 PENNSYLVANIA SUPER LAWYERS



Congratulations to Joseph L. Messa, Jr., Richard J. Heleniak, Irene M. McLafferty, Eric H. Weitz and Lee D. Rosenfeld on being named to the 2012 Pennsylvania *Super Lawyers* list. We also congratulate Thomas N. Sweeney on being recognized as a 2012 Pennsylvania *Rising Star*.

Joe and Eric were also selected to the Top 100 Pennsylvania and Top 100 Philadelphia lists.

In celebration of this accomplishment, we launched a new website, [www.whymessa.com](http://www.whymessa.com), featuring testimonials from some of our past clients. At Messa & Associates, **It's Always Been About Our Clients.** Our team has worked hard to support that belief, winning more than \$300 million in verdicts and settlements for our clients.

To hear from our clients, visit [www.whymessa.com](http://www.whymessa.com) and if you or a loved one has been injured by another's negligence, contact the experienced attorneys at Messa & Associates.

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## Summer Safety Reminders

The start of summer brings warmer weather and fun activities. Keep in mind these safety guidelines in mind and enjoy your time with your loved ones this summer!

### Pool Safety Tips to Remember

- Teach your child to swim.
- Never leave children alone while they are swimming or near water.
- If your child is missing, check the pool first.
- Make sure safety equipment, such as rings or floats, are available and easily accessible.
- Keep children away from drain covers, pipes or other openings to avoid entrapment.
- Cover your pool when not in use, especially if you have small children or animals.
- Make sure your pool drain cover has been properly certified.
- Install a four-foot fence around your pool and use self-closing and self-latching gates.
- Increase security with the use of pool alarms.

### Avoid Fire and Burn Injuries By the Grill

- Never use a grill that has been recalled.
- Visually inspect the hoses on a gas grill for cracking, brittleness, holes and leaks. There should be no sharp bends in the hose or tubing and all connections should be secure.
- Check for propane gas leaks.
- Reduce the risk of flare-ups and grease fires by cleaning the grill and grease trap often.
- Use grills outside and only in well-ventilated areas.
- Never use a grill indoors or in a garage, breezeway, carport, porch or under a surface that will burn. Gas and charcoal grills present a risk of fire and/or carbon monoxide poisoning that could result in injury or death.
- Never leave a grill unattended.
- Keep the grill hoses as far away as possible from hot surfaces and dripping hot grease.

### Consumer News: *The Recall Report*

Aqua-Leisure Industries Inc. has recalled 40,000 First Fitness Trampolines. The trampolines have a handlebar that can break away during use, posing a risk of laceration or other injury caused by a fall.

At least four incidents of the handlebars breaking have been reported. The child-size toy trampolines were sold exclusively at Toy "R" Us stores from September 2010 through April 2012 for between \$45 and \$70. Consumers should immediately take the recalled trampolines from children and discontinue use.

Messa & Associates has handled dozens of cases involving serious injuries and death related to the use of defective products. If you or a loved one has suffered serious injury as a result a recalled product, please contact us at 1-877-MessaLaw or visit us at [www.messalaw.com](http://www.messalaw.com).

### Recent Settlements and Verdicts

#### Confidential \$240K Settlement for a Premises Liability Case in Philadelphia County

\$240,000 settlement awarded to a man who slipped and fell on a snow pile in the rear parking lot of a commercial property owned by his employer. The company failed to remove snow from its property, creating an obvious safety hazard for its employees.

The Plaintiff suffered serious and severe injuries, including a spinal injury which required surgery.

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