



How to Reduce the Risk of Back-to-School Car Crashes



Summer's almost over, and the yellow school buses will be lining the curbs before you know it. While your kids may complain about going back to school, you're worried about the increased traffic and danger of their daily commute. Car accidents involving younger students spike in late August, mostly due to preventable causes. Whether your kids walk, bike, or ride to school, our driving safety tips can help keep children safe from [school zone car accidents](#), and even offer tips for drivers as they cruise through school zones.

Clinical Trials May Be Vital Evidence in Upcoming Xarelto Injury Cases



As the first Xarelto injury case is scheduled for trial, attorneys have raised suspicions about the quality of the drug's clinical research. Clinical trials used in the drug's FDA approval have been compared to school science fair projects. Over 800 patients have filed claims alleging that they suffered serious bleeding events after taking Xarelto, and these lawsuits are expected to make it to court in the summer of next year. Many plaintiffs have already attacked Bayer and Janssen Pharmaceuticals for [Xarelto's unethical and misleading marketing](#), which touted freedom from weekly blood tests, but failed to mention that Xarelto does not have an antidote.

IVC Filter Injury Lawsuits Rising Due to High Failure Rates



Many patients who cannot tolerate blood thinners depend on the lifesaving technology of the inferior vena cava (IVC) filter. These tiny wire cages are implanted after surgery to prevent blood clots from traveling through the body and causing aneurysms, heart attacks, and strokes. But when medical device manufacturer Bard attempted to improve upon permanent IVC filters by making them removable, these same patients were placed at risk of life-threatening injuries. Lawsuits filed by patients claim that Bard was aware of the [risks of IVC filters](#), and may have engaged in illegal activities to keep the risks of the device quiet.

The FDA Adds Kidney Risks to Its Invokana Warning Label



In June, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an updated safety warning on Invokana and other medications for type-2 diabetes. The update advises prescribing doctors on ways to minimize the risk of acute kidney injury, which is now a recognized side effect of these medications. Acute kidney injury occurs when the kidneys suddenly stop working, allowing waste to build up in the body and potentially fatally injure the patient. This isn't the first [FDA warning about Invokana](#); last year, the FDA warned consumers about the risks of diabetic ketoacidosis, a condition that can be fatal for the diabetic patients it is prescribed to treat.