



## Teen Drivers Aren't the Only Ones at Risk in a Summer Car Crash



Summer is finally here, and teenagers nationwide are celebrating their freedom by taking to the roads. But summer can spell disaster for teen drivers, their passengers, and other road users. Not only are teen drivers at risk of crashes in general, they are most likely to suffer a crash when they are enjoying summer break. During the 100 Deadliest Days of Summer between the end of May and the end of August, teens suffer a 43 percent increase in crash risk. Find out everything you need to know about [teen drivers and car accidents](#), including how to keep your teenager safe and what you can do to avoid an accident with a teen driver.

## Xarelto Lawsuits Increase Along with Sales of the Drug



The blood thinner Xarelto is still posting high sales numbers in the U.S.—despite causing serious and even fatal bleeding in some patients. However, many patients will soon get the opportunity to take on the drugmaker as the first trials come to court. Over 5,000 cases have been consolidated in a single mass tort against Johnson & Johnson and Bayer, 40 of which have been scheduled as bellwether trials beginning in early 2017. Plaintiffs claim that manufacturers hid the [risks of bleeding and strokes in Xarelto patients](#) and deliberately misled consumers in their marketing messages. These trials are likely to predict how the rest of the cases will proceed, and could lead to settlements for all injured patients.

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## Number of IVC Filter Lawsuits Against Bard and Cook Continues to Grow



After years of suffering adverse side effects from inferior vena cava (IVC) filters, patients are closer to getting compensation from the product's manufacturers than ever before. Last September, an NBC investigation discovered that at least 27 deaths and over 300 injuries were caused by the Recovery IVC filter manufactured by C.R. Bard, alerting the nation to the [dangers of IVC filters](#). An earlier study published in *JAMA* found that only 58 of 679 retrievable IVC filters had been successfully retrieved, leaving the rest to break apart inside the patient's body. More and more patients are joining together to sue the creators of these devices, including Cook Medical, which currently has 384 cases pending against it. Get the facts on these dangerous medical devices.

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## What Patients Should Know About Their Hip Implants



In the wake of the Zimmer Persona Hip Implant recall in 2015, many patients have been alerted to the possibility that their new hips may fail within months of implantation. However, what many do not realize is that approval for these devices may come faster than clinical test results, placing the burden of discovery on the patient himself. The FDA's fast-track program for medical devices, known as 510(k) Clearance, allows some devices to be approved and used in patients quickly, essentially using consumers as test subjects. If you are scheduled for implant surgery, it is important to research the device that has been recommended to you, to know the potential benefits and side effects, and to document the make, model, and serial number of the device you receive. Read our coverage of the [Zimmer Persona Hip Implant recall](#) to learn more.

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