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9 of the Most Bizarre Workers' Comp Cases

Workplace injuries happen all the time. The US Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports that there were 2.7 million nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses in the private sector in 2020 — and that's a decrease from the previous year. While many workplace incidents and ensuing workers' compensation claims look the same, every case is unique. Some are just a little more unique than others.

1. A woman accidentally drinks lye

In 2012, Arby's employee Laura McRae suffered third-degree burns to her esophagus after mistakenly drinking lye from a cup left in the employee break room. Apparently the lye was in the same type of cup used for holding drinks, and McRae assumed that what was in the cup was drinkable. McRae filed a workers' compensation claim for the incident. She and her employer ended up going to court — in a case that went all the way to the Georgia Supreme Court — because McRae refused to sign over the release of her medical records to the workers' comp board to evaluate her claim. Per the Georgia Supreme Court ruling, the workers' comp board had a right to demand the medical records.

2. Falling on the way to work — at home

Workplace injuries and claims are getting murkier with the rise of remote and at-home working. A case in Germany illustrates this well. In December 2021, a German court ruled that an at-home worker's fall on his way from his bed to his desk counted as a workplace accident. The man slipped and broke his back as he was walking down the stairs from his bedroom to his home working station and the court ruled that the employer's insurance had to cover the accident.

3. Blacked out on a breakfast sandwich

A man who worked as a field service agent for Dish Network, Inc. sustained serious injuries from a car crash as he was driving to his first appointment of the day. He was eating a breakfast sandwich and choked, then blacked out. The vehicle then crashed into a pillar on the side of the road. The man did not receive workers' comp benefits because although the accident happened on the job, it was the result of his eating a breakfast sandwich, which wasn't a job requirement. See: *Boothe v. Dish Network Inc.*, 2021 Mo. LEXIS 437 (Mo., Dec. 21, 2021) for the case explanation.



We are excited to announce that Brandon Yasha remains an active member of the American Association for Justice - June 2022.

4. High-five a bear

A woman who worked as a wildlife associate at Nemacolin Woodlands Resort in Pennsylvania suffered severe gashes to her hand and arm, which resulted in severe blood loss. She eventually lost her thumb and ended up having 12 surgeries. Her arm was bitten by a Himalayan black bear, Kooter, that was housed on the property. The woman would do a "high-five" trick with the bear but on this occasion the bear didn't do the trick as usual and began to chew on her arm. If she hadn't been pulled away from the bear's enclosure and treated by the guests she was showing the trick to, the woman probably would have died. See *Alborg v. Nemacolin Woodlands Resort*, et al. for the case explanation.

5. An assault while working from home

In another work-from-home matter from 2004, Kristina Wait of Nashville, Tennessee, suffered severe injuries including stab wounds when her neighbor assaulted her at her front door. She had been working from home as usual when the neighbor came over to visit for a few minutes. Shortly after, he knocked on her front door again and as soon as she answered this time, he assaulted her. Since Wait's decision to invite a guest into her home was not a factor of her employment, even though she worked from home, she wasn't awarded benefits for her workers' comp claim.

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7 Examples of Terrifying Wildlife Car Accidents

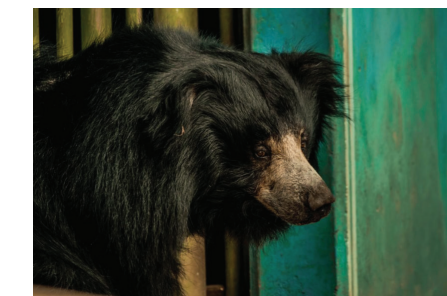
Wildlife and vehicle encounters can happen anywhere. As human development takes over forest, mountain, and other wildlands, animals roam into civilization. It's not uncommon to see deer or foxes crossing the street in almost every region in the United States. We can get lulled into the peace of driving and encounter a raccoon or a stag without any warning. Wildlife accidents are scary, and can have severe consequences. While we're busy trying to avoid harming the deer or bear in front of our headlights, we can cause grievous injury to ourselves.

How often do wildlife accidents occur? How can we avoid these collisions? What types of injury can occur in a wildlife-vehicle encounter? In this guide, we take a look at the answers, and hopefully provide information to help raise your wildlife awareness while on the road. It's not just a rural issue.



A 2016 Federal Highway Administration Report found that 80% of all wildlife collisions occur on 2-lane roads—although highways are often three to six lanes, two-lane roads are just as common in suburban areas as in rural, country regions. Almost 90% of these collisions involve a single vehicle, and occur on less-traveled roads.

Each year, a reported 300,000 wildlife accidents occur on U.S. roads—and the same report indicates that wildlife accidents often go unreported. The report also estimates a 50% increase in U.S. wildlife accidents.



Wildlife accidents involving smaller animals like rabbits and possums aren't likely to lead to major injury—unless a driver swerves to avoid hitting the animals. However, accidents involving bears, cows, elk, mountain lions, and deer often result in vehicle damage and personal injury to vehicle occupants. These animals often die as a result of a vehicle collision, and the survival of their local populations can face severe depletion as a result.

In the western United States, wildlife crossing signs adorn many roads, and certain areas are known for the animal populations that cross their streets and highways. The Colorado Department of Transportation lists the yearly insurance payouts for wildlife accidents at \$1.1 billion. However, wildlife accidents occur in every U. S. region—and drivers are often caught by surprise by their animal encounters.

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