

Child Injury Laws *Blog*

Backing Up Vehicles Need To Watch Out For Kids To Avoid Crushing Injuries

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How many times have you jumped in your car, glanced in the rear-view mirror, backed the car out of the parking space and gone on your merry way? Hundred's? Thousands of times?

The old glance-and-go method may have effectively help you avoid collisions with other cars or light posts, but it may not be enough to protect children from 'backing-up injuries' related to cars and trucks.

Every week, kids across the country are severely injured by drivers who fail to properly look to make sure no children are around before they put their vehicle into reverse. The combination of young children's small size and inability to perceive danger make them particularly susceptible to these type of backing-up injuries.

Perhaps the most moving part of these cases is the fact that many of the children injured in these cases are injured by family friends and relatives--- some of who may have even been visiting them at their home. In this sense, I was saddened to read a recent news [report](#) regarding a mother who ran over her son as she was pulling out of the driveway.

Cases the like the situation above should be a reminder to parents--- and all drivers that they need to really be aware of their surroundings and always be diligent before putting their car in reverse. Particularly in the case of larger vehicles such as minivans and SUV's, it may be a good idea to ask another adult to help direct you as drive backwards.

In situations where a child has been injured due to a backing-up related incident, there very well may be a claim for recovery of medical expenses and resulting disability from the

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drivers automobile insurance company--- even if the incident involves a relative. In order to successfully recover in these cases, you should speak to a lawyer before talking with the respective insurance companies.

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