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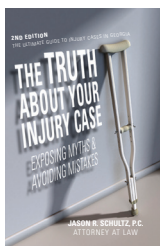
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# that temporary home

## AWAY FROM HOME

Vacation home rentals are big business. Approximately 60 million Americans took the plunge in 2022, and with online rental platforms such as Airbnb, Vrbo, and Booking.com, the numbers continue to rise. Many find the cost efficiency, added amenities, and extra space of vacation home rentals more enticing than hotels and inns.

While most vacationers have a blast in their temporary abodes, negligence on the part of a property owner and/or management company can lead to injury and put a damper on things. Property owners have an obligation to maintain a reasonably safe home for guests, but some fall short.

The most common vacation rental injuries include slip-and-falls, pool injuries, fires, defective staircases and handrails, and collapsed decks. In the more "exotic" category, events such as a tree branch breaking that supported a rope swing and swinger; bed bugs inflicting skin damage and hitching a ride home with guests; and someone tripping over the lip between a carpeted room and tiled hallway have been known to happen.

If you are injured while vacationing in a rental home ...



- Seek medical help for your injuries, even seemingly minor ones. Some injuries are immediately obvious; others might only surface after several days or more. Seeking medical treatment will officially put you on record and can only help a personal injury claim.
- Gather as much evidence as possible: photos, videos, eyewitness contact info, etc.
- Preserve any waiver you may have been required to sign prior to renting. Many of them are not enforceable.
- Most importantly, if you have been injured as a result of negligence, contact our firm to attain fair compensation for your injuries. ■

# grilled pork kabobs

## WITH VEGETABLES (ITALY)

Yield: 4 servings; prep time: 15 min.; cook time: 15 min.; total time: 50 min.

It's grilling season! Add this recipe to your grilling lineup ... you'll be glad you did!

### Ingredients

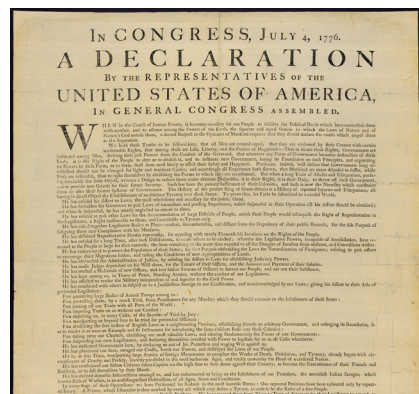
- 1 pound pork loin
- 1 yellow bell pepper or any color you like
- 2 small white onions
- 16 cherry tomatoes
- 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 sprig fresh rosemary
- 8 sage leaves, chopped
- 1 teaspoon coarse salt
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste



### Directions

1. Clean and prepare the vegetables. Deseed the bell pepper and remove the white part. Then, cut it into 1-inch squares. Peel the onions and cut them into 8 wedges each.
2. Dice the pork loin into 1-inch cubes, trying to keep the size consistent for a better result.
3. Assemble the skewers by alternating one piece of meat and one piece of vegetable. In the end, you should have around 8 skewers.
4. Lay the skewers on a large tray, and toss with coarse salt, extra virgin olive oil, and black pepper. Add rosemary and sage. Cover and set aside for at least 20 minutes.
5. Preheat the grill on medium-high heat.
6. When the grill is nice and hot, add the skewers and cook for 15 minutes, rotating them one quarter at a time.
7. While cooking, you can spread the marinade on the skewers, using the rosemary sprig as a brush.

Recipe courtesy of [www.mediterraneanliving.com](http://www.mediterraneanliving.com). ■



## ‘Well, I do declare!’

Our country’s independence was actually declared on July 2, 1776. The Committee of Five — Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Robert Sherman, Robert Livingston, and Ben Franklin — had been charged with drafting the Declaration of Independence. After declaring independence, it took Congress two days to agree to some edits before the history-making document was ready for public consumption on July 4.

Once Congress approved the document, they hired John Dunlap, a printer living in Philadelphia, to print 200 copies, known as “Dunlap Broadside.” Only 26 known copies remain, three of which reside in British repositories, ironically. In 1989, a patron at an Adamstown, Pa., flea market purchased a framed painting for \$4. Tucked behind the painting was a Dunlap Broadside, which later sold at auction for a whopping \$8.1 million. A nice return on investment.

George Washington received a copy in New York City on July 9, 1776. He read it publicly, the crowd got fired up, and they proceeded to topple a statue of King George III, the metal of which was later melted and fashioned into musket balls to fire at King George’s troops.

Robert Livingston, one of the Committee of Five, never signed the Declaration. He was recalled by his state, New York, before he was able to apply his John Hancock to it (pun intended). A historic missed opportunity!

Prior to World War II, the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution were housed in the Library of Congress. However, two weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, they were whisked away by military escort to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for safekeeping until the end of the war. They now reside at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. ■

# ROAD DEBRIS, FLYING OBJECTS, trouble

Driving behind a large truck on the highway can be unsettling. Your ability to see what's ahead is cut off, and the truck driver might not be able to see you if you pass. And when following directly behind or adjacent to a large flatbed tractor-trailer hauling a load, objects sometimes fly off the truck (dump trucks and pickups too), which can be terrifying ... and lethal.



On the sigh-of-relief side, the object misses everyone and winds up on the side of the road. On the tragic side, a 1994 incident in Wisconsin killed six young children. The minivan in which they were occupants ran over a chunk of metal that fell from a truck, puncturing the gas tank and igniting an inferno.

A study released by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety reported that from 2011–2014, roughly 39,000 injuries and 500 deaths were attributed to road debris. Incidents included vehicles that were directly struck by flying objects; ran over objects lying on the road; or drivers swerved to avoid an object, resulting in an accident.

The most common types of roadway debris include unsecured cargo falling onto a roadway or vehicle; tools, truck tire treads, or other truck parts; and trailers that detach. AAA reports that roadway debris incidents have ballooned 40% since 2001.

Personal injury claims involving trucks can be complex. The truck driver, trucking company, shipping company, or maintenance company — or some combination thereof — may be liable. Throw in obstinate insurance companies and the possibility a truck driver might not have been aware of what happened and continued driving ... it's a handful.

If you are injured by a road debris incident, contact our firm for skilled, thorough, and compassionate representation. ■

## Jason's photo gallery



*Donna and I got a silver medal in our first pickleball tournament*



*Madison graduated with honors from UGA in May*



*We celebrated our 29th anniversary in Italy*

## July 2024 – Mark Your Calendars

- July 4 — Independence Day
- July 7 — Build a Scarecrow Day
- July 13 — French Fries Day
- July 16 — Fresh Spinach Day
- July 21 — Ice Cream Day
- July 24 — Tell a Joke Day
- July 30 — Cheesecake Day



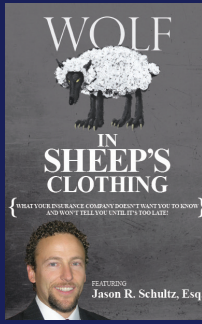
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## the hole truth ABOUT THE BEACH

Digging holes at the beach is tough to resist, for kids and adults alike. Hey, it's fun! But every year, lack of knowledge, absence of common courtesy, or taking it to the extreme leads to injuries ... and sometimes death.

Even a small hole that's left unfilled, partially filled, or filled with unpacked sand can pose hazards to the feet and ankles of beach walkers and runners. It's even worse after dark, when visibility is obviously limited. Lifeguards and EMTs utilizing beach vehicles can be injured or have their emergency responses delayed too.

Sometimes large holes are dug, the walls of which can collapse and pose serious jeopardy, such as entrapment, suffocation, and crush injuries. For one thing, sand is heavy. According to the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, sand weighs 100–112 pounds per cubic foot; water, 62 pounds. Grains of sand are round, which makes sand unstable — akin to piles of tiny marbles. Seemingly solid, packed sand quickly dries out, making it susceptible to collapse; an incoming wave can spur a watery, sludgy collapse. Sand's natural properties complicate rescue attempts as well.

Considering the number of beachgoers each year, these events might be considered rare, but on the other hand, they occur with predictable regularity each summer. Tragic news headlines confirm it.

On top of everything else, digging large holes at the beach might damage fragile ecosystems and accelerate the rate of beach erosion.

One rule of thumb is that beach holes should be dug no deeper than knee height of the shortest member of your group. Also, steer clear of dunes (even more unstable); closely supervise children; and fill in any holes you've dug with packed sand before exiting the beach. ■



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