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## Is A Driver Who Rear-Ends Someone Always At Fault?

There's a common perception that if you hit another vehicle from behind, you're always at fault and you can't recover for your injury. However, that's not necessarily the case.

For instance, Christopher Grouix, a 22-year-old carpenter's apprentice in Michigan, was on his way to work early one morning when he hit a logging truck from behind.

Christopher died from his injuries, and his family sued the driver and the company that owned the truck, claiming that the truck was operating without the proper lights.

The logging company argued that Christopher was at fault, saying that because he'd been at a concert until 1 a.m. the night before, his drowsiness must have caused the crash. But a jury found that the logging company was at fault and awarded a substantial verdict.



Other drivers may be able to demonstrate that an accident was at least partially the fault of the vehicle in front of them.

For example, perhaps the front driver suddenly slammed on the brakes for no reason while traveling in a high-speed area. Or maybe the driver stopped suddenly at a green light.

In these instances, an injured driver might be found partially at fault for the accident, but might still be able to be compensated for a portion of his or her injuries – the portion attributable to the other driver's carelessness.

So never just assume that you can't receive compensation for an injury... Always ask a lawyer first.

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INJURY - DISABILITY

Happy  
**Labor Day**

*All labor that uplifts humanity  
has dignity and importance and  
should be undertaken with  
painstaking excellence.*

Martin Luther King Jr.

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*By working faithfully eight hours a day, you  
may eventually get to be the boss and work  
twelve hours a day.*  
~Robert Frost

## Can A Person Sue Homeowners For Tripping/Falling?

Nancy Brown was taking a tour of a house she was thinking of renting when she tripped over a threshold on a three-inch drop from one room to the next. She broke her hip and femur.



Nancy brought a lawsuit against the property owners, claiming that the three-inch drop was a tripping hazard.

Although the floor of one room was made of wood and the floor of the other was vinyl tile, the two floors were apparently the exact same color, which made the drop-off very difficult to see, Nancy claimed. She said the owners should have warned her of the drop or done something to highlight it.

The owners argued that steps between rooms are common and that the step in this case didn't violate the building code. And a judge initially threw the suit out.

But the Tennessee Court of Appeals disagreed, and said Nancy had a case. It said a jury should decide whether the "invisible" step was dangerous enough that the owners could be held responsible for the injury.

## Delicious Oatmeal Cookies

### Ingredients

1/2 c. whole-wheat flour  
1/2 c. all-purpose flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
1/3 c. vegetable oil  
2/3 c. packed dark-brown sugar  
1 large egg  
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
1/2 c. rolled oats (not quick-cooking)  
1/2 c. dried raisins

### Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium bowl, whisk together flours and baking powder; set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk together oil, sugar, egg, and vanilla. Add flour mixture, and stir to combine; mix in oats and currants or raisins.

Using two tablespoons of dough per cookie, roll into balls; place on two baking sheets lined with parchment paper, 1- 1/2 inches apart.

Bake until lightly browned, 15 to 17 minutes, rotating sheets halfway through. Cool 5 minutes on sheets, then transfer cookies to a wire rack to cool completely.

