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Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week happens every October. Having a plan is key to keeping your family safe. Here are a few tips to prevent a disastrous fire and help protect you if one ever occurs.

1. Clean your dryer vent
2. Test your fire extinguisher and check the expiration date
3. Change batteries in all smoke detectors
4. Plan and practice your escape/exit from a fire with your family

For more information on fire prevention, visit [NFPA.org](https://www.nfpa.org).

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Fire-Prevention-Week?>



ALERT: New Florida Law and Cell Phone Use

Driving through a school or construction zone? Put down your cell phone! A new law in Florida makes it illegal to hold a cell phone in either of those places. Police began pulling violators over earlier this month, however, they will only be giving warnings for now. Be prepared to get a ticket after January 1st.

The law is intended to combat the ongoing problem of distracted drivers, which was responsible for taking the lives of 3,166 people in 2017.

For more information about what the new law means for Florida drivers, visit:

<https://www.insurancejournal.com/news/southeast/2019/10/02/544169.htm>

Miami Places Third... But Not for Something Good

Motorcycle owners, pay attention! The **National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB)** has released its annual report on motorcycle thefts in the U.S. The report includes the Top 10 cities when it comes to motorcycle thefts.

Guess what city is near the top of the list?

That's right... The Magic City. Coming in at #3.

Watch the video to learn more. Then contact your **Estrella Insurance agent** to ensure you have enough coverage if your motorcycle is ever stolen.

<https://www.insurancejournal.tv/videos/18066/>



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<https://www.insurancejournal.com/news/southeast/2019/10/04/544435.htm>

3 Arrested in Miami Insurance Fraud Scheme

Personal Injury Protection (PIP) fraud is an ongoing problem across the country. Three people associated with **Professional Medical Practice**, a Miami physical therapy clinic, were arrested in an alleged \$39,000 PIP scheme. They were charged with insurance fraud, grand theft, patient brokering, and an organized scheme to defraud.

According to the Florida Department of Financial Services (DFS), the Bureau of Insurance Fraud conducted an undercover operation between January 2019 and March 2019. The arrests occurred earlier this month.



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