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## New Changes to Announce at R.F. Wittmeyer, Ltd.

In addition to the articles in this newsletter about spring and summer safety, we want to share with you two recent updates about our firm.

### New Associate Attorney Joins Our Firm

We recently hired a new associate attorney, Matthew L. Hess. Hess graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Law in Carbondale, IL, in May of 2014 and passed the Illinois Bar Exam in July of 2014. He obtained a bachelors degree in psychology from Concordia University Chicago and is a long-time resident of the Northwest Suburbs.

Attorney Hess brings with him to the firm over seven years of combined law firm and insurance industry experience. He most recently served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Judge Sandra Tristano of Cook County's Third Municipal District, in addition to clerking at the Alleman Law Finn, P.C. while in law school.



We welcome Matthew as the newest member of our team, and we look forward to his helping us continue to improve and expand our law firm. Matt has already become our go-to technology person at the firm.

### New Website Design

We also just launched a complete redesign of our firm's website, which we believe is more informative and easier to navigate. We invite you to go to our website and explore the many updates that have been made. We hope you will find our new website to be both useful and informative. To checkout our new website, go to: [www.injurylawattys.com](http://www.injurylawattys.com).

## New Lifeline Response App Offers Help in an Emergency with Your Own Personal Panic Button

Peter Cahill, founder of Lifeline Response and resident of Arlington Heights, has developed a new Smart phone app that could help to increase your safety in an emergency situation. According to the company's website, the way the app works is you start the app and place your thumb on your phone if you feel you are in a threatening situation. If you remove

your thumb, a loud alarm will go off from your phone and a call center representative from Lifeline Response will call your phone to see if you are okay. If you do not answer your phone, the police will be contacted with the GPS location of your phone and be alerted to a possible crime or emergency at your location. If you do answer your phone, you can speak with the call center representative or enter a password to cancel the alarm and emergency response alert if it is not needed.

The Arlington Heights Police Department is now partnering with Lifeline Response to use the app. This will help the police track problem crime and safety areas by looking at where the app was most frequently used. Other features of the app allow users in Arlington Heights to contact the police anonymously about general safety issues and non-emergency issues without calling 911. Examples of such safety issues to report could be downed power lines, disturbances, or traffic backups. This helps to keep the 911 line open for true emergencies.

Using an app like Lifeline Response can provide you with a useful tool for increasing your personal safety. The cost to use Lifeline Response is \$4.99 per month. The app can be downloaded from the company's website, <http://lresponse.com/index.html>, or from a mobile phone app store online.



## Keeping Kids Safe on Bikes--Take the Bicycle Helmet Fit Test

This short video, from Safe Kids Worldwide, shows you how to check the fit of your child's bicycle helmet in three easy steps. Proper helmet fit is vital for protecting your child's head while riding a bike. Be a good role model and wear a bike helmet every time you ride, too!

<http://www.safekids.org/video/bike-helmet-fit-test>



## It's That Time Again for Digging in the Dirt!

*Here are some gardening safety tips for you.*



Gardening is a favorite past time for many of us, whether we are planting flowers to admire or vegetables to eat. Since it involves being outdoors, along with using tools and chemicals, gardening is another spring and summer activity where your safety is important to consider.

The Center for Disease Control offers helpful tips for safe gardening on its website. Safe gardening tips include:

1. Wear safety goggles, long pants, and sturdy shoes when using gardening equipment.
2. Wear good quality gardening gloves to avoid cuts, skin irritations, and exposure to chemicals.
3. Wear a brimmed hat and sunscreen to protect yourself from the sun's harmful rays.
4. Protect your hearing by wearing ear plugs while operating noisy machinery.
5. Keep all equipment and chemicals out of the reach of children.
6. Make sure your garden tools are properly sharpened.

For more information about safe gardening, go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/family/gardening/>.

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