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## EXPLOSIVE SWINGS ARE ALLOWED ON THE GOLF COURSE

### EXPLOSIVE BALLS (AT LEAST IN MASSACHUSETTS) ARE NOT



With the U.S. Open coming up in June (barring any major COVID-19-related developments), the participants are sure to leave audiences in awe of their explosive drives. While “explosive” in this context doesn’t mean anything is actually exploding, there is a precedent for golf balls that *literally* explode. In fact, that precedent led to the creation of a pretty interesting state law in Massachusetts: No one is allowed to sell exploding golf balls.

According to Chapter 148, Section 55 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, “Anyone who sells or knowingly uses ... a golf ball containing any acid, fluid, gas, or other substance tending to cause the ball to explode” can be fined \$500 for the first offense and up to \$1,000 or imprisoned for a year for any offense after that. You would think that the existence of this law means that at some point, people were just

smacking exploding golf balls around the Bay State before the lawmen kiboshed it. However, the truth is a little more nuanced.

While it’s unknown what exactly prompted the legislation, there are a few clues as to what sorts of incidents Massachusetts governments were trying to avoid. The first clue is that prior to the late 1960s and early 1970s, golf balls were actually manufactured with a caustic liquid at the center. This led to the unforeseen injury of a boy named William J. in 1912, who, while “dissecting” a golf ball, ruptured the rubber fluid sack at the center. Some of the liquid got in his eye and caused permanent damage to his sight, despite multiple visits to the doctor.

Even though golf ball manufacturers stopped using caustic liquids in the centers of their golf balls in the 1920s, the liquid centers of golf balls made in the following decades could still cause harm. If someone dissected a golf ball and ruptured the fluid sack of one of these later balls, the crystalline material within could still cause injuries. Fortunately, solid core golf balls became common during the 1970s, removing liquid core golf balls from the course for good.

However, even though they’re gone, their legacy lives on in this strange Massachusetts law.



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## STRUGGLING ON FATHER'S DAY?

### TRY THESE 5 AWESOME WAYS TO TREAT YOUR DAD

If you’re struggling to find something special for your dad on Father’s Day but don’t want to rely on cliché gifts like ties or mugs, I completely understand. Preparing for Father’s Day is tough because you want to make your gift personal. How do we thank dads for their sacrifices to support and guide us throughout our lives?

Picking a meaningful gift can help express the depth of your gratitude if you’re at a loss for words. So, I’ve put together a small list of ways to treat your dad, near or far.

#### NO. 1: A UNIQUE ADDITION TO HIS HOBBY/ COLLECTION

If your dad is into certain hobbies or a collector of anything, you might think that he’s the only expert on what he needs. But there’s often still a lot you can do to support his interests! Try looking for a high-end basic tool you know he’ll use, or you can purchase subscription boxes related to his interests. Research unique items within his hobby, such as exotic spices for a dad who’s passionate about cooking or a sturdy card binder for a father who loves baseball trading cards.

The best way to feel out your dad’s needs is to ask him about his hobby and what he’s been up to lately. It might give you some insight into what type of gift he’ll benefit most from.

#### NO. 2: A COMFORTABLE DESK CHAIR OR STANDING DESK

With everyone spending more time indoors, a wonderful desk chair or standing desk might be just what your dad needs! Not only will he think about you while using it frequently, but he’ll also be very grateful for the added health benefits of an excellent chair or standing desk. (Standing desks, of course, aren’t for everyone, but they’re great gifts for health-conscious or active dads!)

#### NO. 3: HIGH-QUALITY CLOTHES

This is amazing for dads who aren’t particular about their clothes and really struggle spending time or money on clothing for themselves. So, do it for them! Picking out a comfortable, long-lasting clothing item — even if it’s something simple like a pair of socks — can be an unexpected quality-of-life improvement.

#### NO. 4: A DELICIOUS MEAL

Most parents love when you’re able to spend time with them, so why not spend that time at his favorite restaurant? Even if you’re far apart from your dad, you can order DoorDash or UberEats for him as a gift! Then, do a video call while he waits for his food to arrive. It’ll help show just how serious you are about making him feel loved and wanted.

#### NO. 5: TICKETS TO A LOCAL EXPERIENCE

Got an ax-throwing facility in town? What about a fishing charter? Sign him up and, better yet, join him! Creating new memories with your dad is one of the best ways to spend Father’s Day, in the same way that parents often try to make new memories while their kids are young. It’ll get him excited, and you’ll be supporting a local business at the same time.

The key to a meaningful, successful Father’s Day gift is listening. How can you show your support for your father’s interests and well-being? There are always new ways to express your gratitude, but no matter what you give, it will be a hundred times better coming from you.

*Greg Herrman*



# LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE

We’ve all stood in front of the lightbulb section at the home improvement store. There are so many to choose from. But most of the time, we just grab the one we know will fit in any given spot. We don’t always consider things like color temperature, brightness, wattage (outside of compatibility with lamps or sockets). However, the bulb you choose does matter. The type of light it puts out can dramatically change a room — and not just in appearance, but functionality, too. Consider the following:

## WORKING SPACES (KITCHEN AND BATHROOMS)

These rooms, more or less, are utility rooms. They serve specific functions. In the kitchen, you prepare meals and cook. Kids may do homework in the kitchen. In the bathroom, you get ready for work. You may choose outfits, put on makeup, groom yourself, and so on. In these rooms, you need to see detail.



# GET THE MOST OUT OF EACH LIGHTBULB

As such, brighter lightbulbs are essential. These bulbs give off 5,000–10,000 lumens and have a bright or cool white color temperature (the packaging may say 4,100 kelvins). Day lightbulbs are a good option as well (5,000–6,000 kelvins). The type of bulb (incandescent, compact fluorescent, LED, halogen, etc.) isn’t as important as the first two features. A bright bulb that emits cool light will open up the room, allowing you to clearly see the job at hand.

## LIVING SPACES (DINING ROOMS, HOME OFFICES, BEDROOMS, READING AREAS)

These rooms are more casual than the utility spaces and don’t require as much light as in the kitchen or bathroom. These are rooms where you may be relaxing or need to be less energetic. Bright, white light is more of an “awake” light, but it’s not ideal when you’re just chilling out (or even working behind a computer screen in a home office).

You want bulbs in the 2,000–6,000 lumen range that give off softer, warmer light around 2,700 kelvins. This type of light is just as the naming suggests — warmer. It gives the room a more inviting feeling. It’s easier on the eyes and looks more natural in these types of rooms. In the home office, warmer light helps balance the light emitted by monitors, which can be harder on the eyes. Softer, warmer light reduces eye strain. This is also why it’s ideal for reading areas!

# HOW FAULT IS DETERMINED IN A CAR ACCIDENT

If you’ve been in an auto accident, you’re likely traumatized by the incident. If you’ve suffered personal injuries, or not, there is still a lot to think about after getting in a car crash. You may worry about how to determine who is at fault in an accident. It’s a process that can feel complicated, but working to understand the process may help alleviate some of your fears. It may even aid you in any legal case you may be involved in due to the accident.

## WHAT DOES FINDING FAULT ENTAIL?

When someone tries to determine who is at fault for an auto accident, they should attempt to determine if someone was acting carelessly or was exhibiting negligence. The person who is found at fault is typically found to be at fault for any property damage or personal injuries resulting from the accident. This may be more cut and dried or be a more difficult process, depending on the circumstances.

## WHAT DO THE POLICE DO?

When the police file an official report of the auto accident, they may include a judgment of who they think is at fault based on their professional opinion. However, police reports do not contain an official determination of fault; insurance companies determine fault officially.

## WHAT DO INSURANCE COMPANIES DO?

When someone is in an accident, insurance companies will assign an insurance adjuster to the claim. That adjuster or team of adjusters will research the legal definition of negligence, take statements from witnesses and those involved in the accident, and look at medical reports and damage reports as well as the official police report. Then, they will determine who is legally at fault for the auto accident.

## WHAT DOES THE COURT DO?

If you file a legal case with the court regarding your auto accident, it will then fall upon the court to determine who is at fault for the accident. They will do this by finding one party negligent.



## TESTIMONIALS

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“The attorneys at Herrman and Herrman do excellent personal injury work! They will handle your motor vehicle accident case with care and professionalism.”

—Parth W.

“Lori Hamor and the attorneys at Herrman and Herrman do outstanding personal injury work. They advocate relentlessly for their clients, and I would gladly endorse them to anyone seeking help who has been injured in a motor vehicle accident!”

—Cecenia L.

“They handled my claim great. Everything was hassle free and handled very professionally. The process was quick, and I was able to get the medical attention I needed right away after my accident. S. Stratso was very friendly along with the firm’s staff. Great Job. Would definitely recommend this firm to others.”

—Tiele D.

# ICED GREEN TEA, 2 WAYS

## INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbsp loose-leaf green tea
- 4 cups filtered water, divided

### Option 1: Rose and Coriander

- 1 tbsp dried rose petals
- 1 tbsp whole coriander seeds

### Option 2: Ginger Mint

- 1 handful fresh mint leaves
- 1 inch fresh ginger, cut into coins

## DIRECTIONS

### For Rose and Coriander Tea:

1. In a large pitcher, place green tea, rose petals, and coriander seeds.
2. Bring 1/2 cup water to just below boiling.
3. Pour hot water over tea leaves, petals, and seeds. Let steep for 10 seconds, then add the remaining 3 1/2 cups water.
4. Refrigerate 4–8 hours until tea reaches your desired strength. Strain and serve over ice.

### For Ginger Mint Tea:

1. Follow the instructions above, substituting the mint leaves and ginger coins for the rose petals and coriander seeds.

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