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The mission of Legal Resources is to provide superior legal services to our members, enabling them to lead active, healthy and worry-free lives, free of major legal expenses.

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### You have a will, now what?

Make sure to update your will regularly. Whether

you're getting married, divorced, or widowed - major life events happen and it's important that all relevant information about the estate is clear so there aren't any surprises when they come up after death! Your Legal Resources benefit includes simple wills for both yourself and/or spouse which protect loved ones from unforeseen circumstances.



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#### **Featured Story**

## As June approaches, so does wedding season, but why is a marriage license important?

The answer may seem unromantic, but it's a necessary tool for the government. When you get married through your state or local authority, they will provide protection and make sure that any children created from this marriage are legitimate heirs to both parties involved in its creation - giving them legal rights such as medical information about their parents' health history; inheritance opportunities and eligibility of benefits.

The marriage license is a great way to keep track of your relationship without any romantic undertones. However, the choice for what kind or event makes up this legal contract falls solely with you!



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### #TrendingNow Rental Car Alternatives

At the rate rental cars are peeling off the lots, you may need to adjust your vacation budget. Travelers should anticipate paying upwards of \$600 a week for a rental car, with prices nearing \$1,000 in tropical destinations like Hawaii and Florida. Invest in cheaper options like bicycle rentals or pay-and-go electric scooters. Traveling by public transportation is a great way to support local economies too.



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## **SOMETHING DIFFERENT**

#### 3 Fun Facts About Cinco de Mayo

• While Cinco de Mayo is often confused with Mexican Independence Day, it actually commemorates a significant battle during the Franco-Mexican War that took place in the city of Puebla in Mexico.

• It's not just Mexico that loves avocados. Americans eat millions of them every year on Cinco de Mayo, which means their sales boom as well! The California Avocado Commission reports we consume about 80 million pounds in total - mostly from guacamole and other dishes made with this delicious fruit.

• California celebrated first! The Battle of Puebla had barely been won when Americans and Latinos in California heard about the gallant Mexican soldiers through newspaper reports. Residents celebrated with parades and dressing up as if they were at Civil War celebration!

Backyard weddings can be a liability. You might be surprised to learn that you could find yourself legally liable for what happens at your backyard wedding. From potential physical dangers and even drunken actions, it's important to take time to familiarize yourself with local ordinances before the big day. Your Legal Resources Plan Attorney has years of experience helping people prepare ahead of events like these.

## CYBER CORNER

Is Cryptocurrency a Double Agent?

Bitcoin, Dogecoin, and other cryptocurrencies are making deep pockets for many. But is there a dark side to these digital funds? The volume of cryptocurrency-related crime dropped dramatically from 2% to 0.34%. Albeit good news, these findings don't eliminate cryptocurrency from hackers' playbooks. As cryptocrime fell, ransomware attacks grew. Through ransomware, hackers are able to wreck havoc on institutions' private and financial securities. How do scammers afford such costly attacks? Their bounty – bitcoin.

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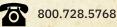
#### **Frequently Asked Questions**



**Q:** I am getting married, how can my Legal Resources Plan help me?

A: Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! Your Plan Attorney can provide assistance during the complicated process of changing your name, and help you create or update estate planning documents like your will for this new phase of your life. Contact our Award Winning Member Services Department for a further explanation of coverage or if you need help in identifying your Plan Law Firm.

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