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Featured in this issue:

National Donate Life Month

Becoming an organ donor is a unique opportunity. You are given the chance in life to make an impact after death. On average, for every one tissue and organ donor, seven lives are saved and 75 are enhanced. Organ donations can improve the lives of the 104,000 individuals awaiting transplants and suffering from bone defects, blindness, burns and organ failure. What does being an organ donor mean for you legally, though? What are your rights?

There are two different types of organ donations. Donation After Life and Donation While Alive. Donation After Life allows a local Organ Procurement Organization to surgically remove your tissues and organs after declaration of brain death. This, of course, cannot be done without your consent.

Your driver's license can serve as legal authorization for donation. You may also be listed in your state's registry for organ donation, which serves as consent. Even if your next of kin objects to the decision to donate, the donor's wishes must be upheld.

Consent for Donation While Alive is a bit more involved as medical professionals are obligated to share both the benefits and dangers of making tissue or organ donations while living. Such donations are more common between family members.

To learn more about organ donation or to change your donor status, visit OrganDonor.gov.



THE MISSION

The mission of Legal Resources is to provide high-quality legal services to our members, enabling them to lead lives free of major legal expenses.

THIS MONTH'S EDITION

- Rights of an Organ Donor
- TikTok Turmoil
- Earth Day Celebrations, and more!



#TRENDINGNOW

Earth Day is Saturday, April 22!

Earth Day is one of the cheapest, easiest and most fun holidays to celebrate. Spend the day outside connecting with your community's outdoor spaces. Visit city and state parks, beaches and wildlife preserves. Or, consider volunteering with a local non-profit to participate in an Earth Day-themed beach clean-up or day hike. You can even celebrate Earth Day at home by planting a new garden or reviving your old one. Find an event near you at EarthDay.org.

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Something Different

TikTok is the most downloaded app of all time and boasts over one billion users worldwide. The overwhelming use and popularity of the short-form video app is causing major concerns over privacy, however. Lawmakers in the United States, Europe and Canada are fighting to restrict access to the app, primarily over matters of international security as TikTok's parent company, ByteDance, is housed in China.

TikTok also poses threats to personal security as the app has been accused of harvesting users' private information. The app collects a disturbing amount of details about each user including their location, details about their device, the content of their messages, viewing habits and other sensitive data. TikTok's security breach is not a new issue, however. The app was fined nearly \$6 billion in 2019 for violating several sections of the Children's Online Privacy Protection App. To mitigate the cybersecurity risks TikTok poses, several U.S. universities, such as Auburn University and the University of Texas at Austin, have banned the use of TikTok on the school's WiFi.

The war on TikTok is far from over though, so stay up to date by watching or reading your local news outlet.

CYBER CORNER

The Risk of Smart Doorbells

With advancements in home security technologies, private abodes are surveilled more heavily than ever before. Surveillance does not come without risks though. Relying on systems that operate over your home's private wireless internet may mitigate your risk of a break in, but amplify your risk of a breach. To prevent hackers from peering through your security camera and into your personal lives, check your smart doorbell for protected wireless protocols or options for two-factor authentication. Learn more on our blog by clicking here.



DID YOU KNOW.....

Legal Resources won GOLD! We are extremely proud of our Legal Resources Team for bringing home the 2023 Gold Stevie Award. Their response to the impacts made by COVID-19 were second to none. Interested in sharing your experience with our top-tier Member Service Representatives or Account Managers? Share your story by filling out the testimonial form by clicking here.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: I have a legal issue, but my Plan Attorney does not practice Family Law. Can I connect with another attorney in the Legal Resources network?

A: Like medical professionals, every attorney has his or her niche, so we understand that your Plan Attorney may be not able to meet all of your legal needs. Contact our Member Services Department at 800-728-5768 to review your options for legal representation.

Have a question?

Please contact our Member Services Department with questions regarding your plan coverage, or attorney/law firm-related questions at 800.728.5768.

Tip of The Month!

Don't Be Fooled!

Proceed with caution on Saturday, April 1. Friends and family are sure to catch you off guard with their April Fools' Day tricks. Double check doorways for booby traps and be wary of fake insects lurking in dark corners. News outlets and social media platforms like to poke fun at users too, so headlines may not be what they seem.

Want to know more about the prank-filled holiday? Reader's Digest dives into the history of April 1 by clicking here.

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