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*They're at it Again ...*

### **NYC Subway Ad Lawsuit Shows "Scary" Lack of Legal Responsibility**

A New York City woman is [suing the city's transit authority](#) after falling and breaking her

## **1. Dreary Summer School Setting for Online Courses? No Way.**

Pop Quiz: Where can you take ISMIE online courses this summer and earn CME and Risk Rewards premium discounts?

- A) Poolside
- B) In the hammock
- C) By the lake
- D) In an air-conditioned room
- E) All of the above

The answer is "E" because ISMIE's full array of quality online learning programs are easily accessible from your computer, notepad or handheld device - any time, day or night.

Have your log in info handy and explore the [full course catalog](#) today.

As a bonus, policyholders are also able to earn Risk Rewards premium discounts and *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*<sup>™</sup> for successful completion of online courses.

ankle while walking on a subway platform. But the lawsuit doesn't blame faulty railings or other unsafe physical conditions ... it blames the advertising.

In a situation her lawyer calls "advertising run amok," the suit claims a promotion for the popular TV show "Dexter" frightened and startled her enough to cause the fall, as well as causing subsequent mental and physical pain. Showtime, the TV channel on which Dexter airs, is also listed as culpable in her injuries.

Something's run amok alright:  
Plaintiffs and lawyers conspiring  
for a quick payday!

For more information on how you can benefit from ISMIE's online courses, contact the Risk Management Division at 800-782-4767 ext. 3300 or [by email](#).

### **Don't miss our medical records access, retention webinars**

Two upcoming webinars, co-sponsored by ISMIE and the Illinois State Medical Society, will cover the particulars of who may be authorized to view patient records, and under what circumstances. Click on the below links for more program notes and registration information.

[Medical Records FAQs Part 1](#) will be held on **July 15, noon to 1 p.m.**

[Medical Records FAQs Part 2](#) will be held on **Aug. 12, noon to 1 p.m.**

## **2. Three Weeks until Medical and Controlled Substance License Renewal Deadline ...**

So here are three things you need to know before the **July 31 cutoff**.

1. Log in at [www.ismie.com](http://www.ismie.com) and navigate to Risk Management education to pick up any of the remaining 150 CME hours you may need to fulfill the requirement to maintain your license. ISMIE's online learning choices are expansive, you may earn CME and a premium discount, and the coursework can be completed from the comfort of your

home or office, 24/7.

2. Need login assistance? You can [manage your online account](#) or call ISMIE staff for assistance at **888-476-7776** during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

3. When you're ready to renew your license, call ISMIE for fast assistance. We'll help you renew both your medical and controlled substance licenses (which must be renewed at the same time) - without charging a credit card convenience fee. Simply dial **800-632-7478** during regular business hours.

Before you call us, have ready the PIN noted on the postcard mailed from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) or your medical license number, Social Security Number and date of birth.

And don't forget to have a credit card handy: The cost to renew a three-year medical license is \$690. Controlled substance licenses, at a cost of \$15 per location, should also be renewed at this time.

**Please note:** IDFPR has mailed reminders to those physicians who have not completed their license renewals to date.

If you have general questions about license renewal, please contact Audrey Vanagunas, 800-782-4767 ext. 2465, or [send an email](#).

### **3. Going Part Time? Streamline the Process with this Handy Online Form**

From time off for child rearing to shifting toward retirement, there are many circumstances when a physician might choose to reduce work hours.

You may qualify for lower premium rates if you can demonstrate a reduced practice for a six-month period quantified by number of hours, number of scheduled days, patient volume or activities insured elsewhere.

Simply complete and send in this [part-time application form](#). Each request is considered on an individual basis.

For more information about this policy feature, [email](#) the Underwriting Division or call 800-782-4767 ext. 3350. If you utilize an insurance broker, you may also wish to contact him or her.

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