

IS THE OWNER LIABLE?

Here's What an Arizona Dog Bite Lawyer Would Tell You



Dog Bite Injuries

Types of Dog Attacks

All these attacks happen when a dog mauls you.



Bite - the most common attack; defined as the action of closing the jaws to cut into something



Swipe - occurs when the animal's open mouth and exposed teeth causes a slice or tear in the skin



Scratch - when wounds are inflicted using the animal's claws/skin



Push - happens when a dog is strong enough to knock you down, causing bruises and fractures

Some of these injuries do not fall under the definition of a dog bite. This is what insurance companies and pet owners may use against your claim. **That is why you need a skilled Arizona Dog Bite Lawyer to defend your case.**

In Arizona, you must be compensated for all the injuries inflicted by the dog, regardless if it's a bite or not.



"Injury to any person or damage to any property by a dog while at large shall be the full responsibility of the dog owner or person or persons responsible for the dog when such damages were inflicted."

*Arizona Revised Statutes 11-1020



No Free Bite in Arizona Dog Bite Law

One Free Bite =



A rule that exempts the dog owner for any liability, if their pet has not bitten anyone before. The owner will only be liable for the succeeding bite incidents.

States that are currently using the one bite rule:

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| Alaska | North Dakota |
| Arkansas | Oregon |
| Idaho | South Dakota |
| Kansas | Texas |
| Mississippi | Vermont |
| Nevada | Virginia |
| New Mexico | Wyoming |

Arizona is not on the list - the state imposes statutory strict liability upon its dog owners. Here, when a dog bites you, you have every right to hold the owner responsible for the damages.



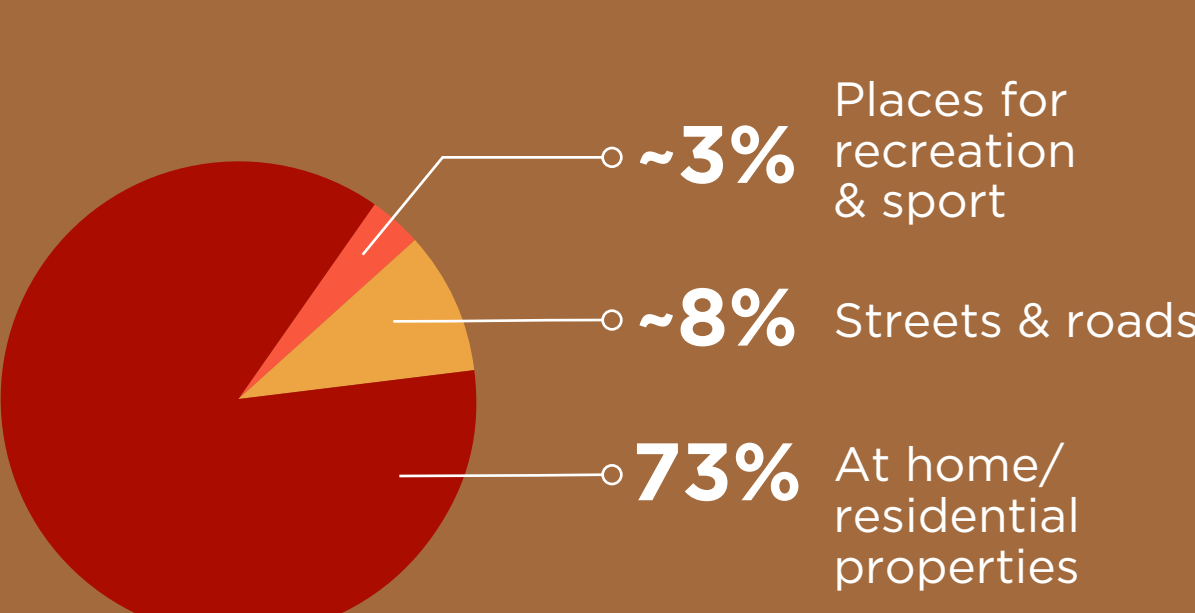
Dog Bite Statistics in Arizona

Medical Report

The Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) has published a report based on the discharge records from its licensed hospitals in a 4-year period:

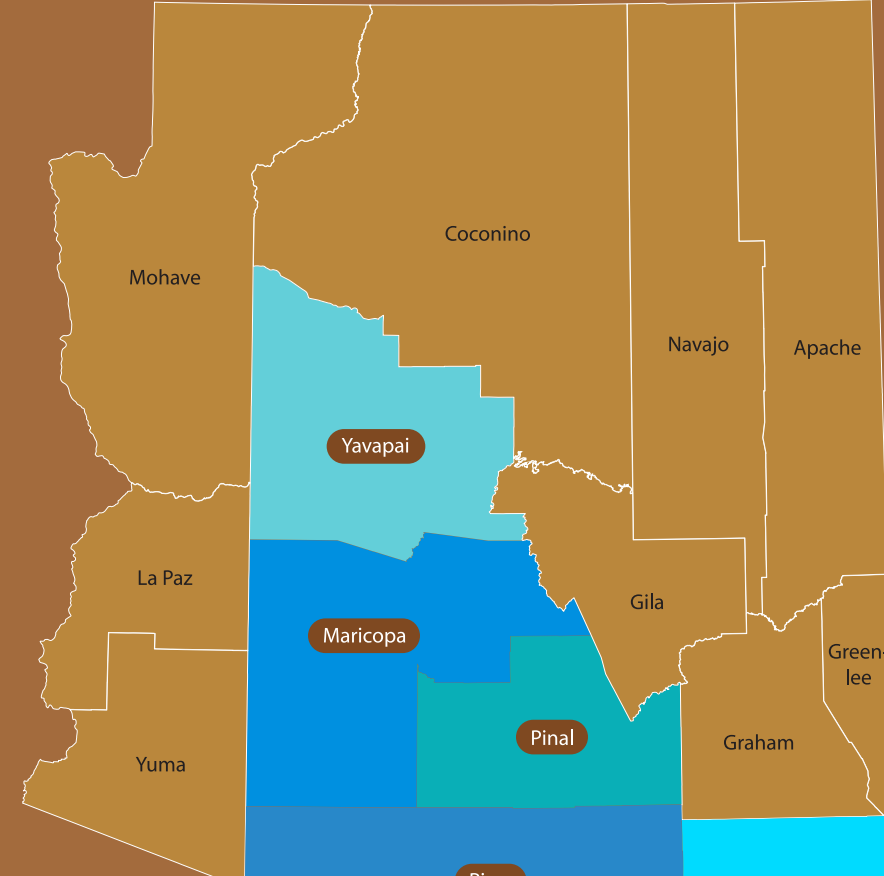
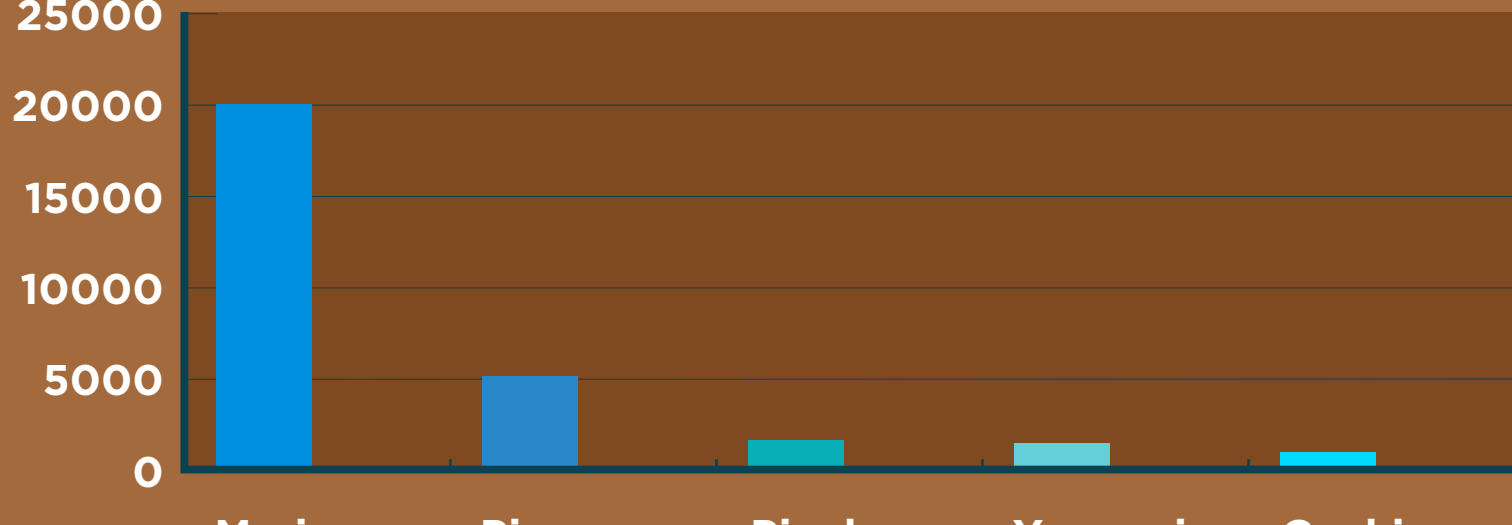
Top 3 places where dog bites happen in Arizona:

Children less than 14 years old represented almost one-third of all dog-bite related injuries



The fact that children are the usual victims of dog bites further prove negligence among dog owners.

Counties that had the most cases of dog bites in Arizona



Majority of dog bites caused open wounds to these body parts



An Arizona Dog Bite Lawyer Can Help Prove Negligence

"The owner of a dog which bites a person when the private is in, or on a public place or lawfully in, or on a private place, including the property of the owner of the dog, is liable for damages suffered by the person bitten, regardless of the former viciousness of the dog or the owner's knowledge of its viciousness."

*A.R.S. 11-1025

If you are guest and not an intruder on the place where you have been bitten, the owner is liable for the damages.

Why Do You Need a Lawyer?

Uniqueness of dog bite scenarios = Insurance companies and dog owners may find ways to work around the facts & allegations



Provocation and Comparative Fault

Defendants may use A.R.S. 11-1027 or reasonable provocation as defense

The owner may not be held liable if the victim provoked the dog to attack or bite.

ACTIONS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED ACTS OF PROVOCATION (Intentional or Not):

- 👍 You may have hit or slapped the dog
- 👍 Cornered or trapped the dog
- 👍 Took away something from the dog, like its food or toys
- 👍 Pulled a part of the dog's body
- 👍 Disturbed a nursing dog or threatened its puppies
- 👍 Startled or stepped on the dog's tail
- 👍 Showed aggressive gestures towards the dog owner, causing the dog to defend him/her

if the jury finds that you are partially responsible for the dog bite, you may lose a portion of your claim.

Is the owner liable for dog bites in Arizona?

YES Yes, but in order to prove it, you need an experienced Arizona Dog Bite Lawyer

by your side. With all the complications and tactics that can be used against you, it takes legal expertise and skills to get the compensation that you truly deserve.

