

6 THINGS TO DO AFTER A CAR ACCIDENT

Hurt in a Crash?

Steps to Take for a Successful Claim



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Car accidents are among the leading cause of injury in our country, and most people will experience at least one in their life, whether as a driver, pedestrian, or even a cyclist. But despite being common, car accidents are traumatic experiences.

Even in the best-case scenarios, the days following a car accident can be disorienting, upsetting, and costly. And for those who are seriously hurt in a car crash, those injuries can have devastating and potentially life-altering ramifications.

The aftermath of a car accident can be difficult, but you don't have to handle this tough situation alone. We've prepared this car accident guide to help you in the days after your accident and to get your life back on track.

Your Post-Accident Checklist: What to Do After a Car Crash

A car accident is a whirlwind event that can render even the most prepared drivers shocked and lost. You may find yourself forgetting the most basic steps to take after a car crash in the confusion of it all.

That's why we've prepared a post-accident checklist with six steps to take after a car accident to ensure your health and safety, help you to begin your insurance claim, and prepare you for a car accident lawsuit, should you choose to pursue one.

- Document everything at the scene of the accident.**
- Collect information from the other drivers involved in the crash.**
- Contact your insurance company.**
- Go to the doctor for a medical evaluation.**
- Keep track of all repair and medical bills.**
- Keep a journal of your injuries.**



Car Accident Lawsuit FAQs

We have the answers to your most pressing car accident lawsuit questions, such as:

Q. What information should I obtain from the other driver immediately following a car accident?

A. The immediate aftermath of a car accident can be hectic. It is important to stay calm and remember to collect the information of the other driver involved in the accident, in order to have the strongest claim possible. Drivers should collect the following information at the accident scene:

- Name**
- Address**
- Phone number**
- Driver's license number**
- Insurance company**
- Policy number**
- License plate number**

In some cases the driver with which you were involved in an accident is not the vehicle's owner. In that case, be sure to find out to whom the vehicle is registered, and clarify the relationship between the driver and owner before you get the name and address for both individuals.

Q. Should I Avoid Discussing My Accident?

A. Yes, especially in states with at-fault insurance laws. While car accident victims, feeling fear or rage immediately after an accident, might feel the need to push the blame onto other drivers, an investigation may reveal an entirely different story. Try not to talk about your involvement in the accident or anybody else's, except with your attorney.



Q. How long do I have to inform my insurance company that I was in a car accident?

A. Ideally, you should contact your insurance provider within 24 hours of the accident. Your insurance policy may stipulate that you only have a very specific amount of time to report an accident, but it may also use a vague term such as “within a reasonable time.” It is therefore best not to wait too long to contact your provider.

Q. What if I get into a car accident with someone who doesn't have insurance?

A. It depends on where you live. If you live in a state with “no-fault” insurance, your insurance company covers your bills — to a point. If your medical bills exceed the amount your policy covers, you can pursue compensation outside the no-fault system through a lawsuit if your injuries are considered “serious” or “significant.”

If you live in a state with “fault” insurance, things are more complicated. Since the other driver has no insurance from which to pursue compensation, you can try and recover compensation directly from them in a lawsuit. However, if the other driver has few personal assets, he or she may not be able to pay you what the court orders. Instead, some insurance policies include uninsured motorist coverage.



Q. How can an attorney help me after a car accident?

A. In a car crash, the accident is just the beginning of your problems. Navigating an insurance claim alone can be tricky, especially if the fault of the accident is disputed. In addition, insurance companies may try and settle your claim for less than it is actually worth. Hiring an attorney after an accident puts someone in your corner who knows your state's laws and will focus on your case by gathering evidence, consulting with experts, and negotiating with the insurance company on your behalf, so you can focus on your recovery.



Our Car Accident Verdicts & Settlements

Our attorneys have handled thousands upon thousands of car accident lawsuits, securing compensation and justice for our clients. Along with this experience, we take pride in our trial skills, and our attorneys never hesitate to bring a case to court if it's what it takes to get our clients a fair verdict. That's why we've achieved large car accident verdicts, including:

Case	Pre-Trial Offer	Verdict	Description
Brink v. Ruiz	\$0	\$25,927,183.55	A man suffered a serious brain injury following a motorcycle crash.
Rausin v. Rodgers	\$25,000	\$12,023,195.29	A 13-year-old girl was rendered paraplegic after her grandparents' car was struck by a reckless motorist.
Williams v. Papa Johns International	\$100,000	\$11,000,000	A woman suffered a traumatic brain injury after a Papa John's pizza delivery driver crossed the center line on a road and caused a head-on collision.

Our Attorneys Can Help

If our FAQ didn't answer your car accident lawsuit questions, please [contact us](#) today by filling out our free, no-obligation form. Our attorneys are well-versed in all aspects of car accident lawsuits — from gathering evidence to bolster your case to handling the insurance company's tactics — and may be able to help if you or someone you love was hurt in a motor vehicle accident.

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