

## **WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT?**

Statistically, you will be in more than one automobile accident or collision during your lifetime. It is important that you know what to do if you are involved in an automobile accident or collision.

**Call 911 to report the accident to the police.** Immediately after the collision, before you speak to anyone, call the police to assist the insurance claim process. Call paramedics if there could possibly be an injury. It is important that the police report be as accurate as possible (even if it is not admitted into evidence). Often, what seem like very friendly people who cause a crash will blame you the following day when they speak to the insurance carriers and there are no witnesses or photographs of the scene to rebut them.

**Take photographs of the vehicles and scene if possible.** If you have a camera, photograph the scene prior to moving the vehicles. Commonly, people disagree how the cars were situated. Obtain contact information of all witnesses before they leave and if possible, take recorded statements before memories can fade. Often, insurance claims go on for months.

**Identify witnesses (if any).** Make sure you identify any witnesses to the accident, and get their contact information. Witnesses will need to be identified and they will need to be interviewed to record their recollection of the accident.

**Seek medical treatment if any possibility you are injured.** Most people injured in an accident don't even realize they have been injured at first. When people get into an accident they have a surge of adrenalin and endorphins that mask the sustained injuries. We have even had clients that had injuries that required surgical intervention as a result of the accident that did not realize it until they sought medical treatment. **Be warned,** the longer you wait to get checked out the more likely that insurance companies and/or their attorneys will try to blame your injuries on something else!

**Detailed statement.** After the accident you will want to sit down and write out a detailed statement of what you remember regarding the accident, i.e., what happened, who was at fault, any statements that were made by person at fault, contributing factors to the accident, any admissions that someone was at fault, witnesses, etc. As time passes you will not be able to recall a lot of these factors that are fresh in your mind, so make a record of them before too much time passes and you forget!

**Keep a journal.** Keep track of your medical providers and your appointments. Keep a daily journal of your Keep up with your daily progress. Keep track of your symptoms from the accident. For example, if you have injured your shoulder keep track of the amount of pain you experience in that shoulder on a daily basis.

**Do not allow the insurance adjuster for the other side to take a statement from you before you have spoken with an attorney.** An insurance adjuster will probably try to get a recorded statement of you before you get an attorney. It is always best to speak to an attorney prior to talking to an insurance adjuster.

**Consult with an attorney.** Seek professional advice from one of our attorneys that handles accident cases on a daily basis. We will be able to help you understand your legal rights and damages to which you are entitled to receive compensation. Further, our attorneys will always work hard to maximize the value of your claims, and protect the you from being taken advantage of by the insurance companies. Further, if the insurance companies are unwilling to give you a fair settlement value for your case, then our attorneys will be able to take your case in front of a jury of your peers in the pursuit of justice. Remember, the insurance adjusters are trained professionals that are working toward minimizing their company's exposure. Let our attorneys work for you to make sure they treat you fair!

**Don't delay! We can help you today! Free Consultation! (501) 843-7576**

**We make home visits and hospital visits in certain cases! The faster we can get started on your case, the better your chances!**

**Also, there is no charge for an initial consultation! You owe us nothing unless we recover compensation for you!**

**Please contact us online or call us at (501)843-7576 or toll free at (888)459-3077.**

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