

6 Steps to Take After a Car Accident



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Car accidents are a common occurrence in the United States. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), there were approximately 6.7 million police-reported crashes in 2018. If you are involved in a car accident, it can be a stressful and overwhelming experience.

Here are six important things you should do after a car accident:

- 1.** Call the police and get the police report number. Do not let the other people involved in the accident leave the scene until the police arrive.
- 2.** Do not move the vehicles until the police arrive and you are instructed to move them. The physical placement of the vehicles can be important in determining how the accident occurred.
- 3.** Take photographs and video of every vehicle involved in the crash, the scene of the crash, and anyone who stopped at the scene.
- 4.** Get the other driver's information, including their name, contact information, and insurance information.
- 5.** Get the names, telephone numbers, and addresses of all witnesses and other people who came to the scene. Do not rely solely on the police report for witness information.
- 6.** Contact your insurance company within 24 hours of the accident. Do not provide a recorded statement until you have spoken with an attorney.

If you are injured, seek medical attention immediately and document all of your complaints of pain. Take photographs and video of all visible injuries and keep track of all medical bills and out-of-pocket expenses. Also, keep a journal or diary of your injuries and how they affect your daily life. Finally, do not speak with the other driver's insurance carrier about your injuries or how the accident occurred.



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Get the witnesses' information



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Frequently Asked Questions

When should I contact a lawyer after a car accident?

It is recommended to contact a lawyer as soon as possible after a car accident, especially if you or someone else involved has suffered injuries. This can help ensure that your legal rights are protected and evidence is preserved.

What types of damages can I recover in a car accident lawsuit?

Damages that can be recovered in a car accident lawsuit include medical expenses, lost wages, pain and suffering, property damage, and other related expenses.

What if the other driver is uninsured or underinsured?

Depending on the state you live in, car accident insurance coverage can vary greatly. If you live in a no-fault state like Florida, Personal Injury Protection (PIP) benefits are required, covering medical bills and lost wages up to a certain amount. However, it is important to seek medical attention within 14 days of the accident to ensure coverage. If you live in a fault state, you may need to pursue compensation outside of insurance through a lawsuit. In some cases, uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage may be necessary if the other driver does not have enough insurance or personal assets to cover damages.

How long do I have to file a car accident lawsuit?

In most states, there is a statute of limitations for filing a car accident lawsuit, which can range from one to several years depending on the state. It's important to contact a lawyer as soon as possible to ensure that you don't miss any important deadlines.

What if I was partially at fault for the accident?

In some cases, both parties may be partially at fault for a car accident. This is known as comparative negligence or contributory negligence, depending on the state. In such cases, the damages awarded may be reduced based on the degree of fault attributed to each party.

How long does a car accident lawsuit typically take?

The length of a car accident lawsuit can vary depending on a number of factors, including the complexity of the case, the amount of evidence involved, and the willingness of the parties to negotiate a settlement. Some cases may be resolved in a matter of months, while others may take several years to reach a resolution.

Will I have to go to court for a car accident lawsuit?

Not all car accident lawsuits require a court trial. Many cases are settled through negotiations between the parties or through mediation or arbitration. However, if a settlement cannot be reached, the case may go to trial.

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At **Felice Trial Attorneys**, we understand that your car accident lawsuit may raise specific questions that were not covered in our FAQ section. We invite you to take action today by filling out our free, no-obligation form and contacting us directly. Our team of experienced attorneys is well-versed in all aspects of car accident lawsuits, ranging from gathering crucial evidence to effectively countering insurance companies' tactics. Whether you or a loved one has been injured in a motor vehicle accident, our dedicated attorneys are ready to assist you. Don't hesitate to reach out to us and discover how we can provide the expertise and support necessary to handle your case.



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