



### **6 Tips to Remember If Injured in an Accident**

1. Call the police immediately to document the accident. Even in “minor collisions” major damage can be done to your physical body. If the collision is not documented and fault is not assessed, it is harder to go back to determine who is the actual cause of the injury.
2. Get immediate medical treatment if necessary. After speaking with the police and having your initial injuries assessed, you may be instructed to go to a hospital or physical therapist. If you wait to get medical treatment until your condition is very bad, it can reflect poorly.
3. Get legal help. Do not speak with anyone about your case except your attorney. This includes the other party’s insurance company. Politely direct all calls to your legal representation in order to avoid making statements that can later be used against you when heard out of context.
4. If you are physically able, take pictures and video of the accident and the damage to property before anything is moved.
5. Visit a doctor or physical therapist for a follow up visit so that they can provide a prognosis. Only describe your injuries and pain. Refrain from providing any extra information about the conditions of the accident.
6. Keep track of all hospital, medical and drug bills. Send copies of these bills to your attorney.

*Important Note:* No attorney can guarantee that you will receive compensation for your medical bills or any other bill incurred in association with a personal injury. If you do not receive compensation in settlement or court you are responsible for the payment of all bills and expenses. As a result, it’s very important that you keep this in mind when making monetary related decisions. We always suggest that you make your decision based on your Doctor’s advice and your personal judgment.

During a life-impacting event, such as a car accident, it can be hard to remember or gather the energy to implement the above tips but it is important. Protect yourself and your family by being diligent during the process.

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