

PROCESSING YOUR CASE

Automobile Crash Resources

Injury Compensation & the Law

The purpose of this law is to put you in the position you would have been in had the crash not occurred. That means you recover \$1 for each \$1 of damages & out of pocket expenses you've incurred (i.e. **medical bills** & **lost wages**).

You are also entitled to non-economic damages such as **pain & suffering** & **loss of a normal life**. These are compensated by convincing the at fault driver's insurance company of an amount that's fair or it being awarded by a jury after a trial.

THE DAMAGE TO YOUR CAR

The at fault driver's insurance company will generally pay for the damages to your car. Any out-of-pocket costs will be reimbursed with your settlement. **Send us any receipts, invoices or estimates.**

MEDICAL EXPENSES

You are entitled to recover the cost of the medical bills you incur. However, make sure you tell your doctors that you want to **use your health insurance**, not the at-fault driver's.



Email your Work Status & Progress notes as a PDF, NOT AS A PICTURE!
We can help if you're unsure how to do this.

How you assist:

- Respond to our requests in a **timely** manner
- Inform us of **changes in treatment** (i.e. surgery scheduled, restrictions changed, discharged from care, etc.)
- Forward all related **bills, invoices & receipts**
- Give an accurate & complete **list of all medical providers**

Common Mistakes

- Trying to convince doctor you're hurt
- Posting activities on social media
- Discussing case with anyone else (including doctors)
- Taking others legal advice

Case timeline:

#1: Obtaining information



- Initial Interview
- Lien letters to Defendant sent
- Crash/accident reports obtained
- Receipts, estimates, bills obtained

#2: Medical treatment



- Follow doctor's advice
- Keep accurate records & items related to injury
- Update us on treatment status

#3: Discharge from treatment



- BLO requests records & bills
- BLO creates breakdown of medical care & property damage costs

#4: Case Filed



- Complaint filed in court if we're unable to reach settlement with insurance
- Summons issued to Defendant

#5: Discovery



- Interrogatories sent & answered
- Depositions taken

#6: Trial



- Only if still unable to settle outside court
- Detailed preparation

#7: Case settlement



- Outstanding medical & liens paid
- Settlement check issued to client