

Five Things You Must Do if You Have Been Injured in an Accident



1. SEEK MEDICAL CARE

Even though someone else may have been at fault for your injuries, it is foolish to think that their insurance company will pay for your treatment up front. Unfortunately, the truth is that you will have to fight for the fair compensation you deserve. In the meantime, you need to get medical care. If you have health insurance, use it. If you don't, an injury lawyer can help arrange medical care.

2. TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS

You need to take photographs of your injuries immediately after your accident, and in the days and weeks following as your injuries heal. This visual evidence helps to support your claim and help tell a story of the true impact your injuries have had on your life. Also be sure to take photos of anything else which could be considered evidence in support of your claim, such as any property damage suffered to your vehicle in a car wreck.

3. BE CAREFUL WHEN DEALING WITH THE INSURANCE COMPANY

More than likely, the insurance adjuster assigned to your case will appear to be friendly and cooperative. While it is in most people's nature to accept such friendliness at face value, it is important to remember that the adjuster is employed by the at-fault party's insurance company. The adjuster's main goal is to pay you as little money as possible. You must always watch what you say, never agree to give a recorded statement, and never sign any documents unless you have first run them past an experienced personal injury attorney.

4. DOCUMENT EVERYTHING

If you have been to the ER, then you'll soon be receiving a bill. Keep this and any other bills related to your injury in a folder somewhere safe, so that all these documents are together. You should also start collecting other paperwork which could be useful in documenting the damages you have suffered. For example: pay slips which show how much money you have lost if you have been unable to work for a period of time following your injuries.

5. TALK TO A BOARD CERTIFIED ATTORNEY

If you have received this information, then you have already taken the first step towards seeking experienced and proven legal representation. Remember that here at the Anderson Law Firm, we offer completely free, no obligation consultations to injury victims and their family members. We want to help you to understand your legal rights and options. Since we work on a contingency fee basis, it doesn't cost anything to hire us. We only get paid when your case is successfully resolved by a percentage of the settlement paid by the insurance company.