Seeking Compensation After a Reckless Driving Accident in Denver

Understand your rights and the steps to take after a collision caused by a reckless driver.

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Step 1: Identify Reckless Driving

Determine if the driver's actions showed a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of others, meaning they knew their conduct was dangerous and proceeded anyway.

- Distinguish reckless driving from ordinary negligence, which is a failure to exercise reasonable care.
- Reckless driving involves a conscious disregard of known risks.

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Step 2: Understand Damage Types

Recognize the difference between compensatory and punitive damages.

- Compensatory damages cover your actual losses (medical bills, lost wages, property damage).
- Reckless driving can support a claim for punitive damages, which are intended to punish the wrongdoer.

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Step 3: Gather Evidence

Collect all available evidence to prove the driver's reckless behavior and your damages.

- This may include police reports, witness statements, photos, and medical records.

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Step 4: Consult an Attorney

Seek legal counsel from a Denver reckless driving accident lawyer.

- An experienced attorney can help you navigate the legal process and build a strong case.
- They can assess the specifics of your case and advise on the best course of action.

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Step 5: File a Claim

Work with your attorney to file a claim for damages.

- This involves presenting your evidence and arguing for the compensation you deserve.

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Step 6: Negotiate or Litigate

Engage in negotiations with the at-fault party's insurance or prepare for litigation if a settlement cannot be reached.

- Your attorney will represent your interests throughout this process.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this process:

- Reckless Driving Accident Checklist

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- Denver Reckless Driving Accident Action Sheet

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