What to Do After a Dog Bite in Fort Collins

A guide to immediate actions and legal considerations after a dog bite incident.

Based on Dog Bite Lawyer Fort Collins by McCormick and Murphy

Step 1: Ensure Your Safety

Immediately move away from the dog to a safe location to prevent further injury.



Step 2: Seek Medical Attention

Get prompt medical treatment, even if the bite wound appears minor, due to the high risk of infection and potential for unseen internal damage.

- Document your injuries with photos before receiving treatment if possible.



Step 3: Identify the Dog and Owner

If possible, identify the dog that bit you and its owner.



Step 4: Gather Witness Information

Collect contact information from any witnesses who observed the incident.



Step 5: Report the Incident

Report the dog bite incident to Fort Collins Animal Control or Police Services.



Step 6: Preserve Records

Keep all medical records and bills related to your injury.



Step 7: Consider Legal Action

The initial steps taken are crucial for both your health and any potential legal claim.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this process:

- Fort Collins Dog Bite Incident Checklist

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- Dog Bite Action Sheet: Fort Collins

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Prompt action after a dog bite is vital for your health and legal rights.