What to Do After a Motorcycle Accident in Aurora

A step-by-step guide to protecting your rights and seeking compensation.

Based on Motorcycle Accident Lawyer Aurora by McCormick and Murphy

Step 1: Seek Immediate Medical Attention

Your health is the top priority. Get checked by a medical professional, even if you don't feel seriously injured. Some injuries can manifest later.

- Document all medical visits and treatments.
- Follow your doctor's advice and attend all follow-up appointments.



Step 2: Report the Accident

Contact the police to file an official accident report. This report is crucial for insurance claims and legal proceedings.

- Exchange information with the other driver(s) involved.
- Note down badge numbers and names of responding officers.



Step 3: Gather Evidence at the Scene

Collect as much information as possible. Take photos of the accident scene, your injuries, and vehicle damage. Identify and speak with any witnesses.

- Note the date, time, and location of the accident.
- Record weather and road conditions.



Step 4: Do Not Speak to Insurance Adjusters Alone

Insurance companies may try to get you to make a statement that could be used against you. It's best to have legal representation before speaking with them.

- Be polite but firm in declining to give a recorded statement.
- Refer them to your attorney.



Step 5: Consult with a Motorcycle Accident Lawyer

An experienced lawyer can help navigate the complexities of motorcycle accident claims, especially given the bias motorcyclists sometimes face.

- Look for a lawyer with a proven track record in motorcycle accident cases.
- Understand that your choice to ride a motorcycle does not make you responsible for another's negligence.



Step 6: Understand the Evidence Needed

Your lawyer will work to gather evidence such as witness statements, accident reconstruction, traffic camera footage, and expert analysis to prove fault.

- Cooperate fully with your legal team's evidence-gathering efforts.
- Provide any documentation you have related to the accident.



Step 7: File Your Claim and Negotiate

Your attorney will file the necessary paperwork and negotiate with the insurance company for fair compensation for your damages.

- Be patient, as negotiations can take time.
- Trust your lawyer's expertise in handling the process.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this process:

- Motorcycle Accident Checklist

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- Motorcycle Accident Action Sheet

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