

Colorado Springs Auto Accident FAQ

Answers to common questions about car accidents in Colorado Springs.

Based on Auto Accidents by McCormick and Murphy

Q: What should I do immediately after a car accident?

A: Ensure everyone is safe and call 911 if there are injuries. If possible, move vehicles out of traffic. Exchange information with the other driver, including name, address, phone number, insurance company, and policy number. Take photos of the scene and any damage.

Q: Do I need to report the accident to the police?

A: Yes, you should report the accident to the police, especially if there are injuries or significant property damage. A police report can be crucial for insurance claims and legal proceedings.

Q: Should I talk to the other driver's insurance company?

A: No, you should not speak to the other driver's insurance company. Their adjuster works for the insurance company and aims to pay you as little as possible. Anything you say can be used against your claim.

Q: Can I give a recorded statement to the insurance company?

A: It is strongly advised not to give a recorded statement to any insurance company, even your own, without consulting an attorney. Statements can be used to reduce or deny your claim.

Q: What if the accident was not my fault, but my insurance company is asking for a statement?

A: Even if you believe the accident was not your fault, you should still be cautious. Consult with an attorney before speaking with any insurance adjuster or giving any statements, as they may try to use your words against you.

Q: How can a lawyer help after a car accident?

A: A lawyer can protect your rights, handle communications with insurance companies, investigate the accident, gather evidence, and negotiate a fair settlement on your behalf. They ensure you receive the compensation you deserve.

Q: What kind of compensation can I expect after an accident?

A: Compensation can include medical expenses, lost wages, pain and suffering, property damage, and other related costs. The amount depends on the severity of your injuries and the impact of the accident on your life.

Q: How long do I have to file a car accident claim in Colorado?

A: Colorado has a statute of limitations for personal injury claims, typically three years from the date of the accident. However, it's best to consult with an attorney as soon as possible to ensure deadlines are met.

Q: What if I was partially at fault for the accident?

A: Colorado follows a modified comparative fault rule. You can still recover damages if your fault is less than 50%, but your compensation will be reduced by your percentage of fault.

Q: How much does it cost to hire a car accident lawyer?

A: Many car accident lawyers, including McCormick & Murphy, work on a contingency fee basis. This means you don't pay attorney fees unless they recover compensation for you.

Q: When should I contact a lawyer after an accident?

A: You should contact a lawyer as soon as possible after an accident, especially if there are injuries or disputes about fault. Early contact allows the lawyer to gather evidence and protect your rights effectively.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for these FAQs:

■ Colorado Springs Car Accident Lawyers (Infographic)

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■ What to Do After a Car Accident in Colorado Springs (Process Flow)

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