

Drunk Driving Accident Checklist

Steps to take after a drunk driving accident in Pueblo.

Based on Pueblo Drunk Driving Accident Lawyer by McCormick and Murphy

1. Immediate Actions After the Accident

Prioritize safety and gather essential information at the scene.

- Ensure your safety and the safety of others.
- Call 911 immediately.
- Do not leave the scene of the accident.
- Seek medical attention, even if injuries seem minor.
- Exchange information with the other driver (name, contact, insurance).
- Identify and get contact information for any witnesses.
- Take photos of the accident scene, vehicle damage, and injuries.

2. Reporting the Incident

Ensure the accident is officially documented.

- Cooperate with law enforcement at the scene.
- Obtain the police report number.
- File a report with your insurance company.

3. Understanding Your Legal Rights

Recognize the distinction between criminal and civil cases.

- Understand that criminal and civil cases are separate.
- Recognize the criminal case is the state prosecuting the driver.
- Understand your personal injury claim is for recovering compensation.
- Know that you do not have to wait for the criminal case to conclude to file your civil claim.

4. Documenting Damages

Keep detailed records of all losses incurred.

- Keep all medical bills and records.
- Track all lost wages due to the accident.
- Document any other expenses related to the accident (e.g., property damage, pain and suffering).
- Save all receipts for related expenses.

5. Gathering Evidence

Collect information that supports your claim.

- Keep the police report.

- Collect witness statements if possible.
- Save any communication with insurance companies.
- Gather photos and videos of the accident scene and injuries.

6. Filing Your Civil Claim

Take prompt action to begin the compensation process.

- File your personal injury claim as soon as possible.
- Understand that filing sooner helps you recover compensation faster.
- Consult with a personal injury lawyer to ensure your claim is handled correctly.

7. Working with Legal Counsel

Secure professional representation for your case.

- Research and choose a qualified drunk driving accident lawyer.
- Schedule a consultation with potential lawyers.
- Be prepared to discuss the details of your accident.
- Provide all gathered documentation to your lawyer.

Resources & Further Reading

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