Drunk Driving Accident Claim Checklist

Steps to take after a drunk driving accident in Denver.

Based on Denver Drunk Driving Accident Lawyer by McCormick and Murphy

1. Immediate Actions After an Accident

Prioritize safety and gather initial information.

- ■ Ensure everyone's safety and move vehicles if possible.
- ■ Call 911 immediately to report the accident.
- ■ Request police presence to file an official report.
- ■ Seek medical attention for any injuries, even if minor.
- ■ Avoid admitting fault or discussing fault with others at the scene.
- ■ Exchange contact and insurance information with the other driver.
- ■ Take photos of the accident scene, vehicle damage, and any visible injuries.

2. Documenting the Incident

Collect evidence to support your claim.

- ■ Obtain the police report number and officer's name.
- ■ Gather contact information of any witnesses.
- ■ Keep a detailed record of all conversations with involved parties and insurance adjusters.
- ■ Note the date, time, and location of the accident.
- ■ Record the weather and road conditions at the time of the accident.

3. Understanding Your Legal Rights

Know the difference between criminal and civil cases.

- ■ Recognize that the criminal case is separate from your civil claim.
- ■ Understand the criminal case aims to punish the driver (fines, jail).
- ■ Understand your civil lawsuit seeks financial compensation for your losses.
- ■ Know that you can file a civil claim regardless of the criminal case status.
- ■ Be aware of Colorado's three-year statute of limitations for personal injury claims.
- ■ Confirm the statute of limitations starts from the accident date, not conviction date.

4. Gathering Medical Information

Compile all records related to your injuries.

- ■ Keep all medical bills and invoices organized.
- ■ Obtain copies of all doctor's notes and treatment records.
- ■ Document any ongoing pain, suffering, or limitations.

- Track all expenses related to medical treatment (medication, therapy, equipment).

5. Tracking Financial Losses

Document all economic damages resulting from the accident.

- Calculate lost wages due to inability to work.
- Include expenses for property damage to your vehicle.
- Account for any costs of hiring help for tasks you can no longer perform.
- Document any other out-of-pocket expenses incurred because of the accident.

6. Consulting with an Attorney

Seek professional legal guidance.

- Research experienced drunk driving accident lawyers in Denver.
- Schedule an initial consultation with potential attorneys.
- Prepare questions about your case and their experience.
- Discuss the statute of limitations and deadlines.
- Understand the attorney's fees and fee structure.
- Choose an attorney you feel confident in representing your interests.

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