

DUI Accident Checklist

Steps to take after a drunk driving accident in Colorado Springs

Based on Colorado Springs Drunk Driving Accident Lawyers by McCormick and Murphy

1. Immediate Actions After an Accident

Prioritize safety and gather essential information at the scene.

- Ensure your safety and the safety of others.
- Call 911 immediately to report the accident.
- Request police presence to document the incident.
- Seek medical attention for any injuries, even if minor.
- Do not admit fault or apologize at the scene.
- Exchange contact and insurance information with other drivers.
- Identify and note down details of witnesses.
- Take photos of the accident scene, vehicle damage, and injuries.

2. Documenting the Scene and Evidence

Collect as much evidence as possible to support your claim.

- Note the date, time, and location of the accident.
- Record the other driver's vehicle description and license plate.
- Document any visible signs of impairment in the other driver (e.g., slurred speech, odor of alcohol).
- Save the police report number once available.
- Keep copies of all medical records and bills related to your injuries.
- Track all lost income due to inability to work.

3. Understanding Legal Processes

Differentiate between criminal charges and civil lawsuits.

- Recognize that criminal charges and civil lawsuits are separate.
- Understand the criminal case focuses on punishing the driver (fines, jail).
- Understand the civil case focuses on your compensation for damages.
- Know you can file a civil case while criminal charges are pending.
- Understand you do not need to wait for a criminal conviction to seek compensation.

4. Pursuing Your Civil Claim

Take steps to ensure you receive fair compensation for your losses.

- Consult with an attorney specializing in DUI accidents.
- File a civil lawsuit to claim compensation for damages.

- Seek compensation for medical bills.
- Seek compensation for lost wages.
- Seek compensation for pain and suffering.
- Seek compensation for other related damages.

5. Working with Your Attorney

Collaborate effectively with your legal representative.

- Provide your attorney with all gathered evidence and documentation.
- Be honest and thorough when discussing the accident with your lawyer.
- Attend all scheduled meetings and appointments with your attorney.
- Ask your attorney questions about the legal process and your case.
- Follow your attorney's advice regarding settlement offers or trial preparation.

Resources & Further Reading

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