# Personal Injury Case Checklist

Steps to take after an injury caused by someone else's negligence

Based on Personal Injury Lawyer Englewood by McCormick and Murphy

## 1. Assess Your Situation

*Determine if your injury might be due to someone else's fault.*

- ■ Did someone else's negligence or wrongful conduct cause your harm?
- ■ Was your injury related to a car accident where another driver was at fault?
- ■ Did you slip and fall on poorly maintained property?
- ■ Were you injured by a dog bite?
- ■ Did someone fail to act with reasonable care, leading to your injuries?
- ■ Did you suffer actual injuries?
- ■ Are there measurable damages such as medical bills, lost wages, or pain and suffering?

## 2. Gather Initial Information

*Collect details about the incident and your injuries.*

- ■ Document the date, time, and location of the incident.
- ■ Note the circumstances leading to your injury.
- ■ Identify the party or parties potentially at fault.
- ■ Record details of any witnesses present.
- ■ Take photos of the accident scene and your injuries, if possible.
- ■ Keep records of initial medical treatment received.

## 3. Seek Medical Attention

*Prioritize your health and create a medical record.*

- ■ Get immediate medical attention for your injuries.
- ■ Follow all doctor's recommendations and treatment plans.
- ■ Attend all follow-up appointments.
- ■ Keep detailed records of all medical visits, treatments, and expenses.

## 4. Understand Your Damages

*Identify and document all losses resulting from the injury.*

- ■ Calculate all medical expenses incurred to date.
- ■ Estimate future medical treatment costs.
- ■ Track all lost income due to the injury.
- ■ Quantify pain and suffering experienced.

- [ ] Note any other financial losses or property damage.

## 5. Consult an Attorney

*Get expert advice on your legal options.*

- [ ] Research experienced personal injury attorneys in your area.
- [ ] Schedule a consultation with a qualified attorney.
- [ ] Prepare to discuss the specifics of your case.
- [ ] Ask about the attorney's experience with similar cases.
- [ ] Understand the attorney's fee structure.
- [ ] Inquire about the potential value of your claim.
- [ ] Discuss the next steps in pursuing your case.

## 6. Legal Consultation Specifics

*Questions to ask during your free consultation.*

- [ ] Does the attorney offer free consultations?
- [ ] Can the attorney evaluate the specific facts of my situation?
- [ ] Can the attorney help me understand if I have a viable claim?
- [ ] Can the attorney explain my legal options?
- [ ] What is the attorney's approach to handling personal injury cases?

## Resources & Further Reading

*Use these pages while working through the checklist:*

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