Personal Injury Checklist

Steps to take after a personal injury in Brighton

Based on Brighton Personal Injury Lawyer by McCormick and Murphy

1. Immediate Actions After an Injury

What to do right after an accident occurs.

- ■ Seek medical attention immediately.
- ■ Call the police to report the incident.
- ■ Gather contact information from witnesses.
- ■ Document the scene with photos or videos if possible.
- ■ Do not admit fault at the scene.

2. Understanding Your Legal Rights

Key information about your rights as an injured party.

- ■ Understand that you may be entitled to compensation.
- ■ Know that there are time limits (statutes of limitations) for filing a claim.
- ■ Recognize the importance of consulting with a lawyer.
- ■ Be aware of the potential for different types of damages (medical bills, lost wages, pain and suffering).

3. Choosing a Personal Injury Lawyer

Factors to consider when selecting legal representation.

- ■ Look for a law firm with experience in personal injury cases.
- ■ Consider firms that offer a free initial consultation.
- ■ Inquire about their fee structure (contingency fee basis).
- ■ Ask about their track record of success in recovering compensation.
- ■ Ensure the firm advances case expenses.

4. Working with Your Lawyer

How to best collaborate with your legal team.

- ■ Provide all relevant documents and information to your lawyer.
- ■ Be honest and forthcoming with your attorney.
- ■ Attend all scheduled meetings and appointments.
- ■ Follow your lawyer's advice regarding communication with others.
- ■ Keep records of all medical treatments and expenses.

5. The Claims Process

Understanding the general steps involved in a personal injury claim.

- Your lawyer will investigate the accident.
- Your lawyer will gather evidence.
- Your lawyer will determine the value of your claim.
- Your lawyer may negotiate a settlement with the at-fault party's insurance.
- If a settlement isn't reached, your lawyer may file a lawsuit.
- Your lawyer will represent you in court if necessary.

6. Financial Considerations

Understanding how legal fees and costs are handled.

- Hiring a lawyer should cost nothing upfront.
- Legal fees are typically paid on a contingency fee basis.
- Lawyers only get paid if compensation is recovered.
- The fee is a percentage of the settlement or verdict.
- Case expenses are advanced by the law firm.
- If the case is not won, you owe nothing for fees or advanced expenses.

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