What to Do After a Dog Bite in Lakewood

A step-by-step guide to protecting your rights and health after a dog attack.

Based on Lakewood Dog Bite Lawyer by McCormick and Murphy

Step 1: Seek Immediate Medical Attention

Even if the bite appears minor, get medical care right away. Clean the wound with soap and water and apply pressure to control bleeding. Visit an urgent care clinic or the emergency room for professional treatment.

- Prompt medical attention is crucial for your health and documenting your injuries.



Step 2: Report the Incident

Notify Lakewood Animal Control or Jefferson County Public Health about the dog bite. This creates an official record of the incident.



Step 3: Gather Information

Collect the dog owner's contact and insurance details. If possible, obtain contact information from any witnesses to the attack.



Step 4: Document Your Injuries and the Scene

Take clear photographs of your injuries as they develop. Also, photograph the location where the bite occurred.



Step 5: Avoid Signing Documents or Accepting Offers

Do not sign any documents or accept any money or settlements from the dog owner or their insurance company before consulting with an attorney.

- This protects your right to fair compensation for your injuries and losses.



Step 6: Consult a Dog Bite Lawyer

Speak with a qualified dog bite lawyer to understand your legal options and ensure your rights are protected.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this process:

- Dog Bite Incident Checklist

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- Lakewood Dog Bite Action Sheet

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Prioritize your health and legal rights after a dog bite incident.