

Drunk Driving Accident Checklist

Steps to take after a drunk driving accident in Pueblo

Based on Pueblo Drunk Driving Accident Lawyer by McCormick and Murphy

1. Immediate Actions After the Accident

Prioritize safety and gather crucial information at the scene.

- Ensure everyone is safe and check for injuries.
- Call 911 immediately to report the accident.
- Do not leave the scene of the accident.
- Exchange contact and insurance information with the other driver.
- Note the other driver's behavior and appearance for signs of impairment.
- Take photos of the accident scene, vehicle damage, and any visible injuries.
- Identify and obtain contact information from any witnesses.

2. Reporting and Documentation

Ensure the incident is officially recorded and documented.

- Obtain the police report number.
- Request a copy of the official police report once available.
- Document all details of the accident in writing as soon as possible.
- Keep records of all communication with insurance companies.
- Note the date and time of the accident.

3. Medical Attention

Seek prompt medical evaluation for your health.

- Go to the emergency room or urgent care, even if injuries seem minor.
- Follow all doctor's instructions and attend follow-up appointments.
- Keep detailed records of all medical visits, treatments, and bills.
- Discuss any pain or discomfort experienced since the accident with your doctor.

4. Understanding Legal Proceedings

Differentiate between criminal and civil cases.

- Recognize that criminal and civil cases are separate.
- Understand the criminal case involves the state prosecuting the drunk driver.
- Understand your personal injury claim is for recovering compensation.
- Know that you do not have to wait for the criminal case to conclude to file your civil claim.

5. Filing Your Civil Claim

Take action to pursue compensation for your damages.

- File your personal injury claim as soon as possible.
- Gather evidence of medical bills.
- Gather evidence of lost wages.
- Gather evidence of other damages incurred due to the accident.

6. Working with an Attorney

Consider legal representation for your personal injury claim.

- Consult with a personal injury lawyer specializing in drunk driving accidents.
- Discuss the details of your accident and injuries with your attorney.
- Understand how an attorney can help you navigate the legal process.
- Allow your attorney to handle communication with insurance companies.

Resources & Further Reading

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