

## Why you are reading this guidebook:

You are probably reading this because you have been injured in an accident.

Our attorneys have more than 25 years experience in handling personal injury claims. We have obtained numerous results on behalf of our clients in the millions.

As you read this guidebook, feel free to contact us with any questions you might have.

The sooner you consult with an attorney, the faster you are on your way to getting the help you need to resolve your case.



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# What to do if you have been injured in an accident

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This guidebook is for informational purposes.  
Since individual situations and legal issues vary, it is important to  
contact an attorney to discuss your specific legal situation.

## First Things First: Get Medical Attention

**If you've been injured, go to the emergency room to be evaluated and treated.**

The sooner you get to a doctor, the better the doctor can evaluate and treat your medical condition.

The severity of your injuries, how long you waited to receive treatment and your course of treatment are considered by the insurance company in deciding whether to pay your claim. Don't delay.

## Find a doctor who specializes in treating your condition.

Your general physician may refer you to an orthopedist, a surgeon, a physical therapist, or a pain management specialist. It is critical that you follow up on your treatment and that you inform your health care provider about all of your symptoms. If you aren't completely forthcoming about your symptoms, or if you do not follow up on treatment, your health will suffer. In addition, the insurance adjuster handling your personal injury claim will not be able to properly evaluate your claim to give you a fair monetary award for your injuries.

## The accident was partly my fault. Do I still have a case?

If you have been injured in a car accident, a construction accident, or a slip and fall, you might wonder if you have a personal injury case. In New York State, even if you are partially at fault, you may be entitled to compensation. You need to consult with an experienced attorney to have your case properly evaluated.

## The accident was my friend or family member's fault. If I sue them, will it cost them money?

If you fell at a family member's house, or were a passenger in a friend's car, you may be apprehensive about filing a claim. Rest assured that automobile insurance and homeowner's insurance will cover most claims. The insurance company will even provide your friend or family member with an attorney, free of charge.

## Car Accidents and No-Fault Insurance

No-fault insurance is coverage provided by all New York State automobile insurance policies. No-fault covers most medical bills for injured parties involved in automobile accidents. A no-fault application should be filled out and submitted right away. Failure to file the form within 30 days can result in you being denied coverage. Our office will fill out and file these forms free of charge on behalf of our clients.

## How much is my case worth?

Every case is different. Whose fault was the accident? How serious are the injuries? Is there sufficient insurance coverage? These are all factors that must be evaluated by a competent and experienced attorney to properly evaluate your case.



We can be reached 24 hours a day 7 days a week. All consultations are free and confidential.  
Call us at (631) 348-1702 for an appointment.