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Practice Areas

- Personal Injury
- Auto & Truck Accidents
- Workers' Compensation
- Wrongful Death
- Medical Malpractice
- Nursing Home Negligence
- Motorcycle Accidents
- Railroad Accidents
- Premises Liability

No Fee If No Recovery

Helping Accident Victims Over 25 Years

After An Accident: How A Lawyer Helps You

If you're in an accident, a key decision you have is whether to obtain a lawyer's help in making your claim. Lawyers help accident victims in many ways, and most people are unaware of all of them. They include:

Reliable source to answer your questions. You will likely have many questions about the accident, including who to talk to, what documents to sign, what your rights are and how your medical bills will be paid. Your lawyer is the best person to an-

swer these and other questions. In contrast, an insurance adjuster — who works for the insurance company, not you — may give you misinformation that damages your claim.

- **Evaluate your claim.** A lawyer can tell you if your claim is strong.
- Tell you how much your claim is worth. You may be tempted to accept a fast, small settlement to end the matter. But your lawyer may show how you're entitled to much more money, and to wait for a better offer.

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Worker's Compensation Benefits You May Receive

n the job injuries are common. If you have an injury or illness due to your job, you may be entitled to receive money under workers' compensation laws. The injury may result from a single act, such as an accident, or it may result from being constantly exposed to activities or substances at work.

Workers' compensation laws help make sure that injured workers have enough money to take care of themselves and their families while they are out of work. They also help injured workers get well so they can return to work. Almost all businesses are subject to workers' compensation laws.

Benefits You May Receive

The heart of the workers' compensation laws is the benefits they provide to injured workers. The employer, not the worker, pays for these benefits. There are different kinds of benefits. The type and seriousness of

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Benefits You May Receive If You Are Hurt On The Job, continued from other side

the injury or illness determines which benefits, if any, an injured worker can receive.

Here are the main types of workers' compensation benefits:

- Medical care. These pay for medical treatment needed to restore an injured worker to good health. The cost is paid by the employer or its insurance carrier, so there are no "deductibles."
- Temporary disability. An injured worker may receive tempo-

rary disability benefits if a doctor finds that he or she cannot work because of the injury or illness.

- **Permanent disability.** If an injury stops an employee from doing any work in the future, these benefits may be received.
- Vocational rehabilitation. If the injury stops the worker from ever doing his or her job but not other kinds of work, these benefits help the worker learn a new type of job.

Death benefits. These may be available to family members of a worker who dies due to a job.

Call Us For Help

If you are hurt on the job, call us to find out about your right to receive workers' compensation benefits. There are complex rules about the amount of benefits you may receive and procedures to obtain them. It's vital you act promptly, so you don't lose benefits because you waited too long.



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How Lawyers Help After Accidents, continued from other side

- Deal with insurance companies for you. Lawyers know tactics adjusters use to lower accident payouts and won't be fooled by them. Once you hire an attorney, adjusters can't contact you and must deal with your lawyer. This makes getting compensated easier for you and reduces the time you spend on the matter.
- **Collect evidence and prepare the best case for you.** Your lawyer can interview witnesses, collect medical and police reports, and hire investigators and experts so the best case is

presented for you.

■ Get you more money than if you handle your claim alone. Studies consistently show that accident victims who use a lawyer receive more compensation than those who handle their claim alone.

These are some ways a lawyer helps you after an accident. A lawyer makes recovering damages easier and reduces the time you spend on the matter. Also — and perhaps most importantly — you'll likely receive more compensation.



If you are in an accident, please call us. We handle all types of personal injury cases, and we will fight to get you the maximum recovery.

Please also give our name to a friend or family member if they are in an accident.

Thank you for letting us serve your legal needs.