

# Personal Injury Checklist

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- ☐ Immediately After the Accident
  - ☐ Report the accident to the police.
  - ☐ Immediately obtain medical treatment if you are injured.
  - ☐ See a doctor or go to the ER immediately after your accident.
  - ☐ Take pictures of your injuries immediately.
  - ☐ Take pictures of damages to any cars/property involved.
  - ☐ Do NOT make a statement to any insurance representative without consulting a lawyer.
  - ☐ Never accept an offer of cash, check or "private" settlement.
  - ☐ Never leave the scene of even a minor accident.
  - ☐ Never say you or your passengers are not hurt.
  - ☐ Never admit fault for accident.
  - ☐ Never offer to pay anything even if you think you are at fault.
  - ☐ Never administer first aid unless you are trained to do so.
  - ☐ Always exchange information and get names and telephone numbers of witnesses.
  - ☐ Always consult a lawyer immediately.
- ☐ Your Personal Injury
  - ☐ Keep a record of how you feel.
  - ☐ Keep a list of all doctors, hospitals and treatment centers you visit.
  - ☐ Keep a log of all work lost as a result of your injuries and treatments.
  - ☐ Keep a log of all other out-of-pocket expenses.
  - ☐ Be truthful to everyone about any physical limitation you now have.
  - ☐ Let your doctors and attorney know about all of your symptoms.
  - ☐ Do not hide past accidents or injuries from your lawyer.