

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.