



If You Have Been Injured in a Motorcycle Accident What Do You Do Next?



Immediately following a motorcycle accident, you may find that your adrenaline is flowing, and you may be in an altered emotional state. You are likely injured to some extent. Your brain is foggy. You are almost on autopilot. You are not concentrating on what is necessary. You have no idea that any of this will be an issue. A legal battle is the furthest thing from your mind. The insurance adjuster may not be as friendly when you are finally asking to be compensated for what you have been through.

You need to make sure you protect yourself. If possible, do these things for yourself after an accident; but if you cannot, then call a friend or loved one to come to the accident scene and do them for you:

Check For Injuries

First things first... be sure to check yourself and others involved in the accident for injuries. Call 911 immediately if someone is hurt.



Take Photos

Take pictures of the damage to your bike and the vehicle that hit you. Also take pictures of the vehicle's positions in the road post collision (assuming they haven't been moved from the spot they came to rest after impact).

Make sure that the scene is safe enough to take pictures so that you don't cause

further damage or risk the safety of yourself and others. Use your cell phone to take pictures from a variety of angles. Document the position of your motorcycle and the other vehicle(s) in the photos. This may be helpful when dealing with the insurance company or in the event your case goes to court.

Get Information

Be sure to call 911 for emergency assistance or call your local police department. You want a police officer to arrive at the scene of the accident so that they can put together a police report. This will be an important official document in providing details for your case. Gather important information by speaking to witnesses, passengers, other drivers, and the police officer. Be sure to collect these important pieces of information:

- Contact information (names, phone numbers, email addresses) of all witnesses
- Get the make, model and license plate numbers for all vehicles involved in the accident
- The badge number and name of the police officer at the scene of the accident
- The police report number
- The VIN (vehicle identification numbers) for any vehicles involved
- The insurance company name and contact information for involved vehicles

Call Your Insurance Agent

You will want to contact your insurance agent as soon as possible after your motorcycle accident. Have a list of all the

information you collected ready to give them over the phone. **Do not admit fault to ANYONE, including your insurance company.**

If you are asked about your injuries or damage to your motorcycle, let your insurance company know you will wait until you have visited a doctor and have taken your bike in to a professional to inspect. If you underestimate your damages it can reduce the amount of compensation you rightfully deserve.

Contact A Motorcycle Accident Attorney

There is a good chance you will need a motorcycle accident attorney after your accident. There are several scenarios that may come up after being in an accident:

- The other parties claim the accident was your fault, but you are innocent
- The police report blames you for the accident, but the cops never talked to you
- Your insurance company denies your claim
- Your damages exceed the limits of your policy
- You have incurred severe physical injuries and costs

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- 1. Highway 20 Washington Pass
- 2. Rattlesnake Pass to Wallowa Lake
- 3. The Klickitat Loop
- 4. The Flowery Trail Road
- 5. Spirit Lake Highway
- 6. US Hwy 101 - Hood Canal to the North Shore
- 7. Chinook Pass (Rt 410)
- 8. 503-Lewisville Hwy to Mt. St. Helens Nat'l Forest
- 9. Wind River Road
- 10. Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway



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