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LEGAL SERVICES

- Automobile accidents
- Motorcycle accidents
- Truck accidents
- Uninsured motorist
- Underinsured motorist
- Bicycle accidents
- Pedestrian accidents
- Boat accidents
- Aircraft accidents
- Railroad accidents
- Construction site accidents
- Farm accidents
- Injuries on property
- Dog bites and attacks
- Injury to children
- Legal malpractice
- Injuries caused by doctors or hospitals
- Birth injuries
- Surgical mistakes
- Product liability
- Defective products
- Dangerous chemicals
- Nursing home injury and abuse
- Injuries caused by inadequate security at hotels and shopping malls
- And all other accidents involving personal injury or death

Seven steps to take immediately after an auto accident

Auto accident victims who are injured often suffer financially because they are unable to work and in some cases have amassed medical bills which they cannot afford to pay. Also, auto accident victims tend to find that their familial relationships have been disturbed. For example, due to injuries, spouses are often physically unable to be intimate; parents are often unable to physically interact with their children. Some auto accident victims are unable to sleep or stand for prolonged periods of time.

It is advisable that auto accident victims should take the following steps to protect themselves:

1. OBTAIN THE NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF ALL WITNESSES

Obtain names, phone numbers, addresses, and e-mail addresses of any individuals who saw the accident. These witnesses will help determine who is at fault for the accident.

2. TAKE PICTURES OF THE ACCIDENT SCENE

Take pictures of the following: 1) the damage to all cars that were involved in the auto accident; 2) any physical injuries that you may have; 3) all street signs, street lights, and street divider lines in the vicinity of the accident; and 4) any debris on the street or sidewalk from the accident.

A picture is worth a thousand words. Showing a picture of a mangled vehicle to a judge or jury is far more effective than attempting to describe the damage to a vehicle verbally.

3. SEEK MEDICAL CARE

Go to the doctor. Most auto accident victims shrug off going to the emergency room immediately after the accident because they believe the discomfort of the pain they feel will go away on its own. If you fail to go to the doctor shortly after an auto accident, the insurance company will argue that you obviously were not injured, and

this greatly diminishes the likelihood of a favorable settlement.

4. DO NOT GIVE A RECORDED STATEMENT TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY

Anytime someone asks you if he can record your statement, he will use it against you. End of story. The sole purpose of a recorded statement is for the insurance company to obtain evidence from you that it may be able to use against you in the future.

5. FILE AN ACCIDENT REPORT

Make sure to call the police immediately after the accident. The filing of an accident report helps to establish that an auto accident actually occurred and determines who is at fault for the accident. Even if the other driver admits to you that he is at fault for the accident, he might change his mind and deny that when talking to his insurance company.

6. KEEP ALL RECEIPTS

You are entitled to be compensated for any and all expenses incurred due to the accident. This includes medical bills, property damage, towing expenses, medicine purchases, mileage, medical equipment, and any other accident-related expenses. Keep your receipts and forward them to your attorney.

7. DO NOT SIGN A RELEASE WAIVER

Do not sign a release or waiver without first consulting with a personal injury lawyer. The signing of such a release prior to discovering the full extent of your losses and being advised of your rights will result in receiving substantially less compensation than you are entitled to.

Protect your rights. Consult with a personal injury lawyer before dealing with the insurance company.

HIT and run!



Being involved in a serious traffic accident—whether you are a pedestrian or in a vehicle—is traumatic, but what happens when the person who caused the accident doesn't bother to stop?

Who pays for the damages?

There are hit-and-run laws in every state, though they vary slightly, but all require that a driver stop, whether an accident is as minor as bumping into a parked car or as serious as inflicting injury or causing the death of another driver, passenger, or pedestrian. Drivers have a legal duty to report an injury accident to the police and, if necessary, call emergency medical services. If another driver flees an accident that has caused property damage, injury, or death, the penalty can range from a ticket to a felony hit-and-run.

Uninsured motorist coverage pays for damages such as medical treatment, rehabilitation, and lost wages caused by a driver who flees the scene of an accident.

Policies vary, as do state requirements, so be sure that your insurance policy covers uninsured motorists.

Here are a few things that you should do if you become a victim in a hit-and-run accident:

- Try to remember as many details as you can about the driver, the vehicle (make, model, color, dents, scratches, decals, bumper stickers), and license plate number to report to law enforcement. If you are able, ask witnesses if they were able to get any identifying information, and ask for their contact information if they can't stay to talk with the police.
 - See a physician, even if you feel all right. Injuries from auto accidents often present themselves days or weeks later.
- A physician may be able to identify injuries up front or offer suggestions that will help minimize pain and mobility issues in the event that an injury presents itself.
 - Call us so we can help you understand how to recover damages through auto insurance and to help file suit against the driver should they be found.
 - Alert the media. Any coverage will increase the chance of finding the driver.

IN BAD FAITH

Insurance companies will do some shady things to get out of paying a claim. Take the case of an Albuquerque man whose insurance company actually altered records so it appeared the man's insurance policy lapsed just 90 minutes before he was killed in an auto accident. Luckily, the company was caught and the man's family was awarded \$12 million for the misdeed.

Not all tactics are this outlandish, but here are a few ways insurance companies might try to get out of paying a claim:

Delay of settlement. Insurance companies will try to delay claims as long as they possibly can in hopes that if they take too long, the claim will be dropped altogether or that, in desperation, the claimant will settle for less.

Change the policy. Always keep the most current policy on file, because a company could change the terms after a claim is filed, in order to deny it.

Cancel the policy. The company may cancel the policy after a person makes a claim.

Lowball a settlement. Never accept a settlement offer before talking to an attorney.

Don't fall for insurance company stall-and-scare tactics. Before talking to an insurance company after you've been injured in an accident, or if you have been a victim of bad-faith insurance tactics, call our office to discuss your case and your legal rights.



ATTORNEY MOHAMMED ALZAIDI ORGANIZES POETRY COMPETITION

Mohammed Alzaidi Law Offices, a personal injury practice at the forefront of servicing the Arab, Middle Eastern, African, Asian, and Latino communities in the Greater Phoenix area, organized a unique poetry contest for poets of Arizona's Arabic community. The contestants were encouraged to submit original personal poems regarding the subject: "*Being Away From Home/Country.*" **Mohammed Alzaidi, Esq.**, presented the top three entrants with personal computers. The contest ran from April 2013 to July 2013, with more than 25 poets submitting entries.

The award ceremony was held on July 25, 2013, at Mohammed Alzaidi's law firm with the following contest results:

First prize: A Samsung PC was awarded to **Muhamed Al-Ansary.**

Second prize: A Samsung Tablet 3 was awarded to **Fadhil Altameemi.**

Third prize: A Samsung Tablet 2 was awarded to **Rashed Al-waeli.**

Many thanks were given to Mohammed Alzaidi and his staff for organizing and hosting the poetry contest platform. In fact, several of the participants lauded Mr. Alzaidi for his continuous community support, further evidencing the strength and unity of the Arab community in Arizona.

Mohammed Alzaidi's law firm was established in 1993 with the purpose of offering legal services and support to Phoenix's multicultural community, including but not limited to Arab, Middle Eastern, African, Asian, and Latino people. Mr. Alzaidi was admitted to the Arizona Bar in 1993 and the U.S. District Court for the District Of Arizona in 1994. He is a member of the Arizona Trial Lawyers Association, the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, and the Executive Committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Maricopa County.

Left-turn collisions

We've all heard of people who make three right turns to make a left, and companies such as UPS route drivers with few or no left turns, but did you know that turning left is considered to be one of the most dangerous things you can do in a vehicle? According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, every year 2,400 fatalities occur in car accidents in which a vehicle is turning left. This is in contrast to 319 fatalities in accidents in which a car is turning right.

More than being a danger, if in an accident, the driver of a vehicle making a left turn actually has a heavier burden of proof. When a driver makes a left turn at an intersection without a green-light arrow and collides with a car going straight, the driver turning left is presumed to be at fault. Since they turn across traffic, they have the duty to be aware of and yield to oncoming traffic.

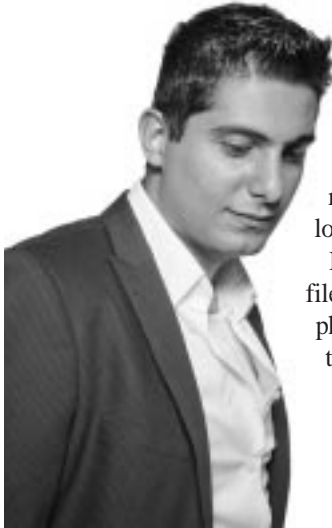
That's not to say that a speeding driver who blows through a red light won't be found liable for all (unlikely) or part of the accident, but the burden of proof will be on the driver who made the left-hand turn. In the absence of witnesses or an intersection



camera, proving that the other driver had a red light could be difficult.

If you or a loved one has suffered injuries after being involved in a left-hand-turn collision, call our office to discuss your case and learn your legal rights.

Deadline for filing a personal injury claim



When your life changes in an instant as the result of an injury or accident, filing a lawsuit isn't the first thing that will come to mind—despite popular misconceptions of how personal injury lawsuits play out. Most people are focused on simply recovering, whether it's from the unexpected death of a loved one or from an injury.

If someone else is at fault, victims shouldn't wait to file a personal injury lawsuit until they are feeling better physically or until they have had time to grieve. By that time, it could be too late. How much time you have to

file a lawsuit, also known as a statute of limitations, varies by state and by the nature of the claim.

It's generally between one and three years, but could be as long as six. Cases of medical malpractice and wrongful death typically have a shorter statute of limitations.

If you or a loved one has suffered a personal injury, contact our offices as soon as possible to discuss the case.



REFERRALS

We want you to think of us as your law firm.

If you have legal matters that need attention, please let us know. If we do not specialize in that area of law, we will refer you to a firm that does.

Please feel free to refer us to your family, friends, and neighbors for their legal needs. We welcome the opportunity to help.



CALL US. YOU'RE GOING TO FEEL A WHOLE LOT BETTER ABOUT THINGS.

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Tractor-trailer tire blowouts

Chances are good that you've been driving on the highway and noticed large hunks of tire tread on the side of the road left by a truck. Those huge pieces of metal and rubber aren't just left there; they tend to fly off of trucks as a result of unexpected tire blowouts. The blowout and the debris can have serious—sometimes fatal—consequences.

That tractor-trailer tire blowouts happen so often in the trucking industry is disturbing. If a driver isn't able to maintain control of a truck, he or she is in danger, and so is everyone else on the road. Not to mention that flying debris can cause accidents as drivers try to swerve out of the way.

Truck drivers are responsible for checking the safety of the vehicle and the load, and this includes tire pressure and wear, before each and every trip. A tire that is not inflated to the appropriate pressure, has wear on the tread, or damage to the sidewalls is in danger of blowing. If a tire appears to be roadworthy, a manufacturing defect could be to blame for a tire blowout, or the trucking company may have been using the wrong type or size tire for the rig.

If you or a loved one has been injured in an accident involving a tractor trailer, call our office today for a free consultation.

