Steps to Follow if you are Injured in an Accident

If you happen to have the unfortunate experience of being injured in an auto accident where the other driver is at fault, it is important to know what procedures to follow. Adhering to certain “do’s and don’ts” in this situation can be very beneficial in terms of gaining eventual compensation for injuries that may not be adequately covered by the insurance of the at-fault driver.

What to Do After an Accident

The first priority after any accident is to assess and address any injuries. Anyone reporting an accident will be asked about injuries and emergency personnel will respond accordingly. If you are not seriously injured, do what you can to make sure all other individuals involved in the accident are attended to and out of the way of any further possible harm.

When interviewed by police about the accident, stick to the facts.
Do not:

- Elaborate on the circumstances or convey more information than necessary.
- Move any of the vehicles, unless obvious safety issues are at hand.
- Discuss fault with anyone on the scene.
- Discuss insurance policy information.

Document all information possible at the scene of the accident. This should include the names, addresses, phone numbers, license plate numbers and insurance information of those directly involved in the accident. Make sure to obtain the contact information of any witnesses of the accident as well.

If the insurance company of the driver responsible for the accident is slow to respond or if you are dissatisfied with proposed compensation, it is strongly recommended that you consider hiring a personal injury lawyer. Attorneys can offer protection from insurance companies that might be pressuring you to accept a less-than-adequate settlement amount. In addition to being your “line of defense,” personal injury lawyers will fight to get you the compensation you deserve.