

**1. Why should I hire an attorney?**

You want to make sure that your legal and procedural rights are protected. For instance, there are time limits for filing claims, known as "statutes of limitation" and it is crucial that your claim is properly filed within those time limits.

**2. What do I do when the other party's insurance company calls me?**

If and when you are contacted by the other party's insurance company, they will likely attempt to have your conversation recorded. You are not required to give a recorded statement and we strongly advise clients to not give this statement. We strongly recommend that you do not talk to the insurance company about facts of the incident or injuries. Tell them to contact either your own insurance company or your lawyer.

**3. How long do I have to report an accident to an attorney?**

There are varying time deadlines that apply to injury claims, however, there is no law that requires you to report anything to attorney.

**4. What information will my attorney need from me?**

Initially, we need you to provide us with as much information about the incident that led to your injuries as possible. How did it happen? Who was involved? Were there any witnesses? Did you speak to anyone at the scene? Did the police come? Do you have the information exchange form from the police officer? Do you have any pictures? What are your injuries? What treatment have you had so far?

**5. How much does an injury attorney cost?**

We only get paid if YOU get paid. This is called a "contingency fee" so that we are both focused on maximizing your recovery.

**6. How long will it take for my case to settle?**

ONCE TREATMENT IS COMPLETED is when the settlement process begins. All claims are different and there is no way to tell how long it will take to settle until treatment is completed and reviewed. We usually get a response between 4-6 weeks after medicals are sent to the insurance company.

**7. Will I have to go to court?**

There is no simple yes or no answer to this question. All cases are different and it depends on the circumstances of each claim.

**8. What do I do if the insurance company asks me to sign things?**

DO NOT SIGN ANY DOCUMENT WITHOUT CONSULTING A LAWYER!

**9. What do I do when the insurance company offers me a check?**

If you are offered a check or receive one in the mail, do not accept it unless you are 100% sure that you want to forever end your case for the amount of the check. If you are not 100% sure, you should refuse or return the check and seek legal advice about your case.