

We know the trauma and uncertainty of a serious injury to either yourself or a loved one can be overwhelming. But there are several steps that must be taken immediately and a number of critical decisions that need to be made to ensure proper protection..



**Get medical help as soon as possible.** Your health and that of your loved ones should be your number one priority.



**If you have family in the area, contact them.** Besides the obvious care and support they can offer, they can also help you remember more of the details and information you receive and ask questions you may not think of. Be diligent when keeping track of any information it can be very important in the process for your healing and protection.



**Notify the police or authorities** of the accident as soon as possible.



**Take photos.** If you are traveling with a camera or camera phone, it's wise to take pictures at the scene. This kind of documentation may help later with your claim. Also, make detailed observations of the scene and the conditions at the time of the injury.



**Contact school or employer** to let them know there has been an accident.



**Contact your insurance company.** This is very important to ensure that you can obtain benefits regardless of fault.



**Contact a Personal injury lawyer** to make certain you know your rights and that they are completely protected. *We are happy to provide you with this information free of charge.*



**Work with your lawyer to determine the right questions to ask** in advance of leaving the hospital.



**Consult with your lawyer to create a rehabilitation plan and recommend a local rehab team to have in place** when the hospital stay is over.



There will also be a large number of legal and financial issues to deal with. **Contact your bank and begin tracking expenses** for the accident victim and any caregivers or family members. Be meticulous about keeping records.

*Following these steps will be extremely helpful in terms of dealing with the injury and all its ramifications. Over and above that, you can count on us to do whatever it takes to let you focus on getting things back to normal.*