

Auto Accident TOOLKIT



Your Auto Accident Victim's Toolkit

When you are injured in an auto, truck, motorcycle or pedestrian accident, you are thrown into a problem for which you had not planned. You are suddenly forced to deal with injuries, property damage, insurance companies and physicians. It can be overwhelming, confusing and painful.

It is important to document as much as you can in the time that follows your auto accident. In doing so, you can bolster your personal injury claim and positively impact your financial compensation.

McCoy & McCoy in Hartford, Connecticut, offers this toolkit as a guide — it is a place for you to take notes about the accident and to track new developments as your case progresses. While this is not a legal document nor does it create an attorney-client relationship, it can provide you with vital information and help your lawyer build a strong personal injury claim on your behalf.

DO call the police and make sure an accident report is made.

DO take photographs of your car, the other car and the accident scene.

DO go to the doctor.

DO speak with an attorney as soon as possible after the accident.

DO NOT talk to the other driver's insurance company.

DO take good notes about the accident, your injuries, your medical treatment and other items as detailed below.

McCoy & McCoy offers a free initial consultation to discuss the specific details of your auto accident. Call us today at 860-856-9283 to speak with an attorney.

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Date and time of the accident: _____

Location of the accident: _____

What do you remember about the accident? Are there any specific details that stick out in your mind?

Describe the accident: _____

Do you remember anything about the other driver? _____

Was he or she intoxicated, angry or distracted? _____

Was he or she using a cell phone while driving? _____

Names and contact information of passengers in your car: _____

Names and contact information of passengers in the other vehicle(s): _____

Name and contact information of other driver: _____

Other driver's insurance information: _____

Your insurance information: _____

Name of law enforcement officer(s) who arrived at the accident scene: _____

Name of paramedic and the ambulance number: _____

Did you talk about your injuries with the paramedic? _____

Did he or she say anything about your injuries? _____

Did you go to a hospital, emergency room or other type of medical facility? _____

Who treated you? _____

What injuries were you treated for? _____

Did you receive any x-rays or MRIs? _____

Did they administer pain medication? _____

List all medical providers and care that you have received since the accident:

List all pain medications that you have been prescribed since the accident:

How are your injuries affecting you? _____

Are you able to work? Are you able to perform your household duties? Are you able to sleep?

What activities (recreational and otherwise) are you no longer able to perform?

Did your car sustain property damage? What type? Do you have pictures?

Did the other vehicle(s) involved in the accident sustain property damage? Do you have pictures?

What have you discussed with your insurance company?

Have you talked to the other driver's insurance company? (Refrain from doing so and speak with a lawyer first.)

Who did you talk to at the insurance company? _____

What was the conversation about? _____

Purchase a small notebook to use as your auto accident journal. Here are ideas about what you should record in your journal. Remember to date each entry.

- Your injuries, aches and pains
- Doctor appointments
- Medical bills
- Receipts pertaining to the accident such as repair bills for your car
- Phone calls pertaining to the accident – remember to get the names of the people you talk to
- The interruption to your regular, daily life that your injuries have caused

Contact Information for Some of Hartford County's Law Enforcement Agencies

Avon Police Department: 860-409-4200
Bloomfield Police Department: 860-242-5501
Bristol Police Department: 860-584-3011
Burlington Police Department: 860-673-4856
Canton Police Department: 860-693-0221
Connecticut State Police: 860-292-7400
East Hartford Police Department: 860-528-4401
East Windsor Police Department: 860-292-8240
Farmington Police Department: 860-675-2400
Glastonbury Police Department: 860-633-8301
Granby Police Department: 860-844-5335
Hartford Police Department: 860-757-4000
Manchester Police Department: 860-645-5500
Marlborough Police Department: 860-537-7500
New Britain Police Department: 860-826-3000
Simsbury Police Department: 860-658-3100
Suffield Police Department: 860-668-3870
West Hartford Police Department: 860-523-5203
Wethersfield Police Department: 860-721-2900
Windsor Locks Police Department: 860-627-1461