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What to Do If You're Involved in an Accident with a Truck

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Truck accidents can result in serious injuries and complex legal claims. Because multiple parties may be involved; including the driver, trucking company, and insurers taking the right steps immediately after a crash is critical to protecting your health and your potential claim.

Seek Medical Attention Immediately

Your health comes first. Even if you feel okay, you should get medical care as soon as possible after a truck accident.

Many injuries, such as internal bleeding, concussions, or soft tissue damage, may not show symptoms right away. Prompt treatment also creates important documentation that can support your case.

Call Law Enforcement and Report the Accident

Always contact the police after a truck accident. A formal accident report provides an objective record of what happened and may include statements from drivers, witnesses, and the responding officer's observations.

This report can be a key piece of evidence when determining fault and liability.

Gather Evidence at the Scene

If you are able, collect as much information as possible before leaving the scene. This may include:

- Photos of the vehicles, road conditions, and any visible injuries
- The truck driver's name, contact information, and insurance details
- The trucking company's name and DOT number
- Contact information for witnesses

Truck accident cases often depend on evidence that may be lost quickly, so documentation is important.

Avoid Admitting Fault

Do not apologize or make statements that could be interpreted as accepting blame.

Truck accident liability is often complex and may involve multiple parties. Fault should be determined through a thorough investigation, not statements made at the scene.

Be Cautious with Insurance Companies

In addition to reporting accidents to police, anyone involved in an accident should report the accident to their insurance company. However, insurance adjusters for other drivers and owners may contact you soon after the accident. Their goal is often to minimize the value of your claim.

Avoid giving recorded statements or accepting a settlement before speaking with an attorney. Anything you say can affect your case.

Understand the Complexity of Truck Accident Claims

Truck accident cases are different from typical car accidents. They often involve federal regulations, including rules governing driver hours, vehicle maintenance, and safety standards.

Violations of these regulations can be important in establishing negligence and identifying all responsible parties.

Speak with a Truck Accident Attorney

Because these cases can involve multiple defendants and extensive evidence, having legal representation is essential. An attorney can help you:

- Investigate the crash and preserve key evidence
- Identify all liable parties
- Handle communication with insurance companies
- Pursue full compensation for your injuries and losses

Injured in a Truck Accident? We Can Help

If you or a loved one has been injured in a truck accident, you do not have to handle the process alone. Our Personal Injury attorneys can review your situation, explain your rights, and help you determine the next steps.

Call one of our personal injury attorneys at Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. today to discuss your case and learn how we may be able to help.

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