

What Should You Do After Being in a Car Accident?

The moments, hours, and days that follow a car accident are vital to both a person's health and legal rights. Of course, the primary concern should be to seek out all necessary medical attention for both oneself and other injured parties. This gives people the best chance to make a full recovery as well as ties injuries to the incident.

However, the time following a car crash is also essential to building a case against another motorist. This may be a person's only chance to:

- Take pictures or videos of the scene
- Provide a statement to police
- Discover the names and contact information of witnesses
- Document the current weather or lighting conditions

Finally, it is important to contact one's insurance company immediately. This could result in the release of funds to pay for initial medical care or set a person up with a rental car.

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The majority of the high-volume television firms you notice advertising at all hours of the day are mass settlement mills. There are some exceptions. However, even the exceptions fail to deliver optimal results because most of their time and financial resources are tied up in marketing campaigns. That is not us. We exhaust our energy in the courtroom or at the negotiating table, not in front of the camera. We routinely visit with our clients in their homes, and we break bread with their families to better understand how this act of negligence has affected them. By adopting our approach, the judge, the jury, or the mediator, can feel our sincerity.

On several occasions, injury victims terminate relationships with “settlement mills” and once terminated, call us to represent them. These new clients tell us the main reason they left the settlement mill was because they never actually spoke with the lawyer about their case. Instead, they only spoke with assistants or receptionists. Again, since you only get one bite at the apple, you should be in frequent contact with your attorney.

At Yosha, Cook, & Tisch – Personal Injury Lawyers, we provide every single client with the cell phone number of our managing partner as well as the attorney handling your case. We strive to develop personal relationships with our clients. If you do not get to know your client personally, it becomes tougher to deliver

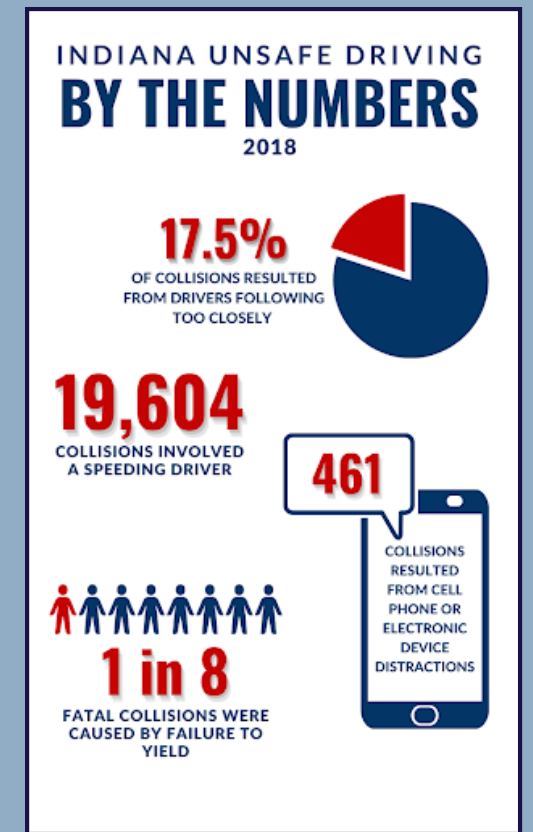


the best result for them. From day one, we begin documenting your physical limitations and determine the impact this collision had on your activities of daily living. We spend the necessary time with you and your loved ones to hear what you can and can't do since the car crash. We listen to your stories to understand what activities you can still perform but not without any associated pain or discomfort. For instance, you may still be able to complete tasks around the house (i.e., yard work, mowing the lawn), but you ultimately pay for it afterward.

Statistics for Car Collisions in Indiana

The Indiana University Public Policy Institute published a report concerning traffic safety in Indiana in 2018. The result of this report was startling. Between 2009 and 2018, between ten and 13 people out of every 100k living in Indiana have died in a traffic accident. Additionally, between 45,000 to 50,000 people per year will suffer some form of non-fatal injury while on the road.

Data from 2014 to 2018 indicates a drop of fatal car accidents in which one or both parties was under the influence of alcohol. Similarly, there has been a marked reduction in collisions where due to speeding. This data indicated that despite drivers making increasingly responsible decisions to avoid drunk driving or speeding, the rate of accidental injuries and deaths remains consistent. An Indianapolis car accident attorney could provide more information about the statistics that explain the rate of collision in Indiana.



Proving Fault for a Car Accident Can be a Complicated Matter

Any person who wishes to collect compensation for their losses following a car crash must be able to prove that the accident was another driver's fault. These other people can be behind the wheels of their own vehicles or even drivers of the car in which an injured person was a passenger. It is essential to be able to collect key evidence that can speak as to another driver's fault for the collision. This may include:

- A police report
- Traffic camera footage
- Witness statements

- Proof of a driver being intoxicated or under the influence
- Accident reconstruction reports

An Indianapolis car accident attorney could help to gather this vital information. This is even more important when considering the state's law concerning modified comparative negligence. According to Indiana Code § 34-51-2-5, injured people can only collect compensation if they do not carry more than half the blame for a collision. It is a common tactic for defendant drivers to argue that an injured person shares some or all of the responsibility for a collision.