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4th of July: A Time for Celebration and Caution

The 4th of July is a time for barbecues, fireworks, and fun, but it's also one of the deadliest holidays on U.S. roads. With increased travel and alcohol consumption, accidents are more likely to occur.

Did you know?

- An average of 173 people die in car crashes over the 4th of July weekend.
- A significant number of these accidents involve drunk driving.
- Even if you're not drinking, be extra cautious as others might be impaired.

If you're involved in an accident:

- 1. Stay calm: Assess the situation and ensure your safety.
- 2. Call for help: Dial 911 for police and medical assistance if needed.
- 3. Gather information: Exchange contact and insurance details with other parties involved.
- 4. Take photos: Document the scene and any damage to vehicles.
- 5. Contact your attorney: Seek legal guidance to protect your rights.

Remember, safety comes first. By being aware of the risks and taking precautions, you can enjoy a happy and safe 4th of July holiday.



Why Accidents Involving Self-Driving Cars Are So Complex

You've seen the headlines: self-driving cars are the next big thing, but what happens if you're in an accident with one? It's not as simple as it seems, especially since these cars aren't completely "self-driving" yet.

Why It's Tricky to Determine Fault

- 1. Misleading Names: Some car companies use terms like "autopilot," making it sound like the car does everything. In reality, drivers still need to pay attention. It's like thinking your coffee maker will serve you breakfast in bed it won't!
- 2. False Security: Those fancy names can make drivers too relaxed. You wouldn't take a nap while baking cookies, right? Same goes for driving. Even with cool features, you're still in charge.
- 3. Not Perfect: Even the smartest machines make mistakes. Self-driving cars aren't foolproof, and drivers need to know their limits. It's like trusting a calculator but still double-checking your math.
- 4. No Clear Rules: There's no manual for how to share the road with self-driving cars. It's a bit like a new dance craze everyone's figuring it out as they go.

What This Means for You

- If you're in an accident, it might take time to figure out who's responsible.
- Don't let fancy names fool you stay alert when driving any car.
- Self-driving cars are still a work in progress, so be cautious.

Bottom line:

Self-driving cars are exciting, but they also bring new challenges.

Remember, it's like trying a new recipe – follow the directions carefully and don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it. If you've been in an accident involving a



self-driving car, an experienced personal injury lawyer can help you navigate this complicated situation.

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Self-Driving Car Accidents: Who's to Blame?

Recent rulings have raised questions about responsibility in accidents involving self-driving features:

- The UK Case: A driver received an 18-month suspension for misusing "Autopilot" by climbing into the passenger seat. This highlights the need for drivers to understand that these features are not a substitute for attentive driving.
- The Tragic Crash: A driver sadly died in an accident while playing a video game with "Autopilot" engaged. This case emphasizes the potential dangers of over-reliance on self-driving technology.
- German Court Ruling: Tesla was criticized for using the term "Autopilot," which could mislead drivers into thinking the car is fully autonomous. This ruling highlights the importance of accurate terminology and clear communication about the capabilities of self-driving features.

These cases demonstrate the complexities of determining liability in accidents involving self-driving technology. Is it the responsibility of the car manufacturer to educate drivers thoroughly? Or should drivers be expected to fully understand the limitations of these features before using them?

As these technologies continue to evolve, we'll keep you updated on the latest legal developments and rulings, helping you navigate this ever-changing landscape.

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After an Accident: Should You Speak to Your Attorney Before Talking to Insurance?

The short answer is YES. Here's why:

- **Protection:** Insurance adjusters work for the insurance company, not you. Their goal is to minimize payouts. Your attorney, on the other hand, is your advocate, ensuring your rights are protected and you receive fair compensation.
- Understanding Your Rights: You might not be aware of all your legal rights and entitlements after an accident. Your attorney can guide you through the process, explaining the nuances and potential pitfalls of insurance claims.
- Avoiding Mistakes: In a stressful time, it's easy to say something that could be misinterpreted or used against you later. Your attorney can help you craft a clear, accurate statement that safeguards your interests.
- Negotiation Power: Insurance companies often try to settle quickly for less than you deserve. Your attorney has the experience and knowledge to negotiate effectively on your behalf, ensuring you receive fair compensation.

We understand that this is a nerve-wracking time for anyone involved in an accident or injury. That's why we're here to guide you through every step of the process, from dealing with insurance companies to pursuing legal action if necessary.

By speaking to your attorney first, you can have peace of mind knowing that you're putting your best foot forward, regardless of how your legal case proceeds. Remember, you don't have to face this alone. We're always here to help.

If you have questions about the process or need legal assistance after an accident, don't hesitate to contact us. We're committed to helping you through this challenging time and achieving the best possible outcome for your case.

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