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Guide to Safety & Recovery

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Better Outcomes for You & Everyone You Love

Our commitment to each client is to partner with them to address every pain and concern they're experiencing and put them on the path toward Full Recovery - physically, legally, financially, and emotionally.

With this Guide to Safety & Recovery, we aspire to be helpful not only to each of our clients, but also to everyone they love. So even though the number of cases we can serve at any time is limited, the number of people we can help keep safe is not.

Download it, print it, share it with the people you care about most, and keep a copy in the glove compartment of your car, in your home, at work, all the places where accidents are most likely to happen.

Stay safe and be well!

**Though no two cases are alike,
here is an idea of what to expect as your case proceeds
through the legal system.**

8 STEPS IN A PERSONAL INJURY CASE

1

Meet with your attorney.

This first meeting is an opportunity for both the attorney and the client to get to know more about each other as well as the details of what happened.

2

Investigate your case.

Your attorney gathers available information - the police report, photos/videos of the accident scene, witnesses' testimonies, medical reports and bills, etc. - and pieces together what happened, the amount of pain and suffering, and what a fair settlement would be.

3

File an insurance claim.

Based on everything your attorney has discovered, a claim will be filed against the insurance company. The insurance company will review the claim and either accept it, reject it, or counter with another offer.

4

File a personal injury lawsuit.

If the insurance company will not settle for a figure you and your attorney feel is just, your attorney can file a personal injury lawsuit on your behalf to take your case to court.

5

Discovery.

This is a more in depth investigation of the materials gathered in step 2 and additional evidence and witnesses that may have been overlooked.

6

Mediation.

It may be possible to avoid going to trial with the help of a neutral third party - a mediator. If both sides can agree on a settlement, the terms are written up, and the case is dismissed. If not, the case goes to trial.

7

Trial.

This is the step we so often see in movies and tv series where the attorneys present their case to either a judge or a jury who decide which party is at fault and what the damages will be awarded.

8

Appeal.

If the party that lost in court feels the trial was unfair or feels they can get a better decision from a higher court, they may file an appeal to overturn the decision.

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The Park Law Firm was designed to be different from other Personal Injury law firms in large part because we have first-hand experience with trauma and loss, and an appreciation for the people who helped us and proved to us that service and support can be transformative. It's the gold standard we bring to every client.



Our Philosophy of Full Recovery

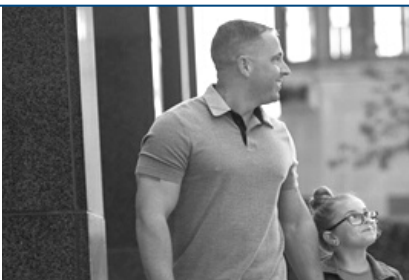
Good people find themselves in bad situations all the time often through no fault of their own. When we first meet a client, they frequently have been hurt in multiple ways - physically injured, betrayed by an insurance company, denied their claim, mourning the loss of a family member, worried about the future. It's very often the worst time of their life.

Our commitment to every client is to partner with them to address everything they're experiencing and to put them on the path to achieve Full Recovery - physically, legally, financially, and emotionally.

Better Fee Structure

The Park Law Firm operates on a contingency fee basis meaning that we never charge a fee until we win our client's case and secure their compensation. This "no win, no fee" structure removes risk from the client. The attorney takes a percentage of the plaintiff's award or settlement.

Unlike many personal injury law firms, we do not charge by the hour and there are never any hidden costs. Even when entitled to, our firm never collects more than 50% of what our client recovers.



Better Outcomes for Everyone

Though there's a limit to the number of cases we can serve at any time, there are other ways we can help even people who aren't our clients.

Knowing how to respond immediately following an accident can profoundly impact your outcome. Knowing how to prevent becoming injured is even better.

What Makes Us Different?

- Round the clock accessibility & responsiveness. Calls returned within 5 hours or less
- Flawless professional reputation - no client reviews less than 5 stars
- Full Recovery philosophy
- Uniquely experienced on both sides of personal injury - Plaintiff and Insurance Company Defense
- Never charge for case assessment and review.
- No fee unless we win for you - no hidden costs
- Many attorneys will take home more of your injury settlement than you do. Not a Park Law Firm attorney.

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Your role in a lawsuit

As the client or plaintiff in a personal injury lawsuit, there are several things you can do to help improve the outcome of your case.

Do not admit fault for the accident or your injury or discuss or apologize for what happened with anyone. Leave it to the professionals - the police or judge or jury in your case to decide who was to blame.

Follow through with the course of treatment prescribed by your doctor. Discontinuing treatment can affect the outcome of your case.

Document your experience after the accident with photos, journal entries, or videos - what is now difficult or impossible for you to do, how is your recovery progressing, how is your life different at work and at home, and in your relationships.

Share your photos, journal entries, or video with your attorney but do not post them online or on social media. It can only hurt your case.

Gather police reports, insurance documents, medical bills, photos or videos of the accident scene and your injury, etc. and share with your attorney.

What does that mean?

The language of the law isn't always easy to interpret. This might help.

LAWSUIT TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Here are the most essential words you can expect to hear when you file a personal injury lawsuit.

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| Plaintiff (or Claimant) | The plaintiff is the person or group of people filing the lawsuit. If you are stopped at a red light and are struck from behind which injures your neck, you would be the plaintiff. |
| Defendant (or Adverse Party) | The defendant is the person or group of people which the plaintiff believes are responsible for the plaintiff's injury. In the scenario above, the person driving the vehicle that struck the plaintiff's car would be the defendant. |
| Insurance Claim Adjuster | This is an investigator who evaluates the case either for the insurance company of the Defendant who injured you, or for your own insurance company. Regardless, they do not represent your interests - they seek to protect the insurance company's interests. |
| Counsel & Opposing Counsel | Counsel refers to an attorney on either side. Opposing counsel refers to the attorney on the other side of the complaint. |
| Complaint | The complaint is the formal written statement of what the plaintiff accuses the defendant of having done. |
| Damages | Damages is what the plaintiff seeks to compensate for the losses, pain, and suffering attributed to the accident. |
| Statute of Limitations | The finite period of time during which the plaintiff can file suit claiming damages. |

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CAR/TRUCK/MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS

Winning cases, restoring justice, rebuilding lives.

Car, truck, and motorcycle wrecks are a terribly common occurrence in America, more than 75% of all drivers - 3 out of 4! - have been through at least one car accident. In legal terms, a motor vehicle accident is when a car, truck, or motorcycle causes injury to the driver or passenger in another motor vehicle or to a pedestrian. Were you or someone you love injured in a car, truck, or motorcycle wreck?

- Were you rear ended by a truck while stuck in highway traffic?**
- Were you crossing the street when a speeding car struck you?**
- Did a driver run a red light and hit you or your car?**

At the Park Law Firm, it's our job and our mission to secure the justice and maximum compensation our clients deserve for their pain and suffering. The timing in these cases is critical. The sooner you discuss your case with a seasoned personal injury lawyer, the sooner you can have peace of mind and focus on healing. Allow us to guide you through this time and advocate on your behalf. We're here to help.



**Though we can't control what happens on the road,
we can control how we respond if and when we get into an accident.
Follow these steps for your best shot at a great outcome.**

10 Things You Should & Should Not Do After A Car/Truck/Motorcycle Accident

- 1 IF POSSIBLE, DRIVE YOUR CAR OUT OF TRAFFIC AND DETERMINE IF THERE ARE INJURIES** Put your hazards or blinking lights on and indicate to the other driver that you're pulling off the road so you won't cause another accident to occur. Once your car is safely on the shoulder of the road, see if anyone in your car is injured.
- 2 CALL 911** Even if no one appears to have been hurt, and whether or not you think you were at fault, call 911 and tell them where you are, how many vehicles were involved, and if there are any injuries.
- 3 STAY WITH YOUR CAR** Unless an ambulance arrives to take you directly to the hospital, stay at the scene of the accident until the police arrive.
- 4 DO NOT POST PHOTOS, VIDEOS, OR TEXT ON SOCIAL MEDIA** Many cases have been profoundly affected by the photos, texts, and videos that drivers have posted after their accident. Don't do it.
- 5 GATHER INFORMATION** If you're not injured, see if the driver/passengers in the other car are injured. If not, take a photo of the driver's license and insurance card or write down the name of the insurance company and policy number. Write down names of passengers. Take photos of the damage, make, model, and license plate number of all cars involved; and of weather and traffic conditions that may have affected the accident. Get witnesses' contact information.
- 6 ALLOW THE POLICE TO FULLY INVESTIGATE AND MAKE SURE THEY WRITE A REPORT** Don't discuss or apologize for what happened with anyone. The police often investigate as soon as they arrive. Tell them what you saw and experienced and let them draw conclusions. You will be given a copy of the police report before they leave the scene of the accident. If the other driver was reluctant to show an ID or insurance card, the police will get that information from them.
- 7 SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL TREATMENT** Insurance companies love to minimize your injuries by saying you weren't hurt badly enough to immediately seek medical evaluation and treatment. Listen to your body and make sure to seek follow up care for any persistent aches, pains, and limitations.
- 8 CONTACT YOUR OWN INSURANCE COMPANY** Similar to your conversation with the police, call your insurance company to report the wreck and initiate a claim. Stick to just providing the factual details of what happened. If an insurance adjuster calls you to ask for a recorded statement, contact an attorney immediately before you agree to give a recorded statement to any insurance company.
- 9 DO NOT SPEAK TO THE OTHER DRIVER'S INSURANCE COMPANY OR SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS** You are not required to speak with the other driver's insurance company. Don't do it - it can only work against you. And certainly do not sign any sort of agreement or promise of payment for the damage to your car or any injuries you've sustained.
- 10 CONTACT A PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEY QUICKLY** Leave it to the professionals to straighten out the legal aspect of the car accident. Remember: you pay nothing unless you win your case. The sooner you hire your own attorney and share everything you remember about the accident with total honesty, the better it is for your case and your outcome. Don't try to manage your case on your own.

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SLIP & FALL INJURIES

Helping people get back on their feet.

Falls are the number one reason for a trip to the emergency room and the second leading cause of accidental deaths after car accidents. When you walk on a surface that's wet or slippery and fall after losing footing or traction with the ground, that's called a slip and fall. Trip and fall is when the surface under your feet is uneven or there's an unexpected object you trip over. Either accident can be serious, sometimes fatal.



Have you or someone you love had a slip & fall injury?

- Was the floor at work recently mopped but no sign indicated it was wet?**
- Was your mother left alone in the nursing home when she slipped and fell?**
- Was the sidewalk in front of your office building covered in ice?**
- Was there an electrical cord on the lobby floor that was difficult to see?**

A safe surface to walk on is the responsibility of the property owner. If you or a loved one has been injured due to a Slip & Fall or Trip & Fall accident, our job and our mission is to hold the at-fault party responsible for your pain and suffering.

**Whether you slip or you trip,
what you do next could profoundly affect your outcome.**

8 Things You Should & Should Not Do After A Slip & Fall Injury

- 1** **CALL 911** If you lost consciousness after your fall, or feel as if you've been injured, call 911 right away. Do not attempt to get up without assistance.
- 2** **FILE OR DOCUMENT AN INCIDENT REPORT WITH THE FACILITY** Ask the facility for a copy.
- 3** **WAIT FOR MEDICAL HELP TO ARRIVE** Only a medical professional can tell if you've been seriously injured.
- 4** **WHILE YOU WAIT FOR THE POLICE OR EMT, TAKE PHOTOS TO DOCUMENT THE ACCIDENT** Photograph the floor where you slipped, or the object you tripped on, as well as your injury.
- 5** **DO NOT POST PHOTOS, VIDEOS, OR TEXT ON SOCIAL MEDIA** Many cases have been negatively affected by the photos, texts, and videos that they have posted after their accidents. Don't do it. And while you're at it, don't share photos or videos with anyone.
- 6** **GATHER WITNESSES' INFORMATION** If anyone witnessed your accident, (ask them to stay while you wait for the emergency crew and) get their story as well as their contact information.
- 7** **PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE CLOTHING AND SHOES YOU WERE WEARING** Traces of whatever you slipped or tripped on may be left on your clothing, or perhaps blood from your injury. Either could be important evidence for your case, so put them in a protective covering for future use as possible evidence.
- 8** **CONTACT A PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEY QUICKLY** Leave it to the professionals to manage the legal aspect of your accident. Don't try to handle your case on your own. Remember: you pay nothing unless you win your case. The sooner you hire an attorney the better it is for your case and your outcome.

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MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INJURIES**Restoring trust and confidence and health.**

Medical professionals are among the most respected members of every community. We put an enormous amount of trust in them. But doctors, dentists and pharmacists don't all share the same ethics. And when they make mistakes, the consequences can be catastrophic.

Medical Malpractice is defined as: Improper, illegal, or careless activity or treatment by a medical or dental healthcare provider. Were you or someone you love recently injured by a healthcare provider?



**Was your newborn injured during delivery?
Did you have a severe reaction to a medication your pharmacist prepared incorrectly?
Were you or someone you love mistreated in a medical facility?
Were you hospitalized for an infection after a dental procedure?**

These are the sorts of circumstances we help our clients navigate legally, medically, financially, and emotionally. We understand how devastating it is to either be a victim or love a victim of medical negligence. In addition to the physical and emotional suffering, the medical bills are piling up with no resolution in sight. And the insurance company that you've paid to be there for you is denying your claim.

If you or someone you love has suffered due to the malpractice or negligence of a healthcare provider, we will make it our mission to hold them responsible for your pain and suffering.

If You Suspect Medical Malpractice

People often don't realize they have been a victim of medical negligence or malpractice until a lot of time has passed. While doctors and hospitals often help us heal, it can be devastating or fatal when they make mistakes.

Consider The Following Steps

- Ask another doctor or professional in the same field if your claim is valid. If they confirm that you or someone you love was mistreated, you know it is important to move forward.
- Before pursuing legal action, contact the medical professional you suspect of negligence or malpractice to get an understanding of what may have gone wrong or what missteps were taken during treatment.
- If both steps 1 and 2 confirm your suspicion of malpractice, contact and retain a medical malpractice attorney, someone skilled and experienced specifically in medical malpractice and negligence. If you choose The Park Law Firm, your consultation is free and you pay nothing until and unless we win your case.
- If you decide not to retain an attorney, contact the medical licensing board that governs the license held by the professional who injured you. There are separate boards for dentists, doctors, surgeons, etc. This may lead to the professional being issued a warning or other disciplinary actions.
- This is true for all legal claims, but it is critical to begin investigating a medical malpractice case early due to time/expense involved. Research how long you have to file your claim after your injury. There is a statute of limitations or time limit for medical malpractice claims.

The Park Law Firm offers uncommonly responsive and friendly service while delivering the justice our clients are entitled to. Our drive and determination in helping clients is unmatched. We carefully and skillfully navigate complex medical cases, ensuring the proper research, data, and experts are consulted to develop the best possible claim for each client.

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PRODUCT LIABILITY INJURIES

First looking after you, then protecting others.

We're all consumers. We use or purchase products on a daily basis to do things we couldn't possibly do without them. And we assume these products have gone through rigorous testing and are therefore safe to use. However, not all products have been manufactured correctly or tested effectively.

A product liability injury is when a consumer is injured by a product. Have you or someone you love been injured due to a dangerous or defective product?



- Was your child injured when her dresser fell on top of her?**
- Was the thing that's supposed to prevent injury - the airbag - what hurt you most?**
- Were you burned when an appliance burst into flames?**
- Did you have an extreme reaction to something you ate with no warning on the label?**

Regardless of the specific situation, product liability cases are complex and demand a high level of skill when it comes to establishing fault and proving liability. At The Park Law Firm, we are well-versed at handling product liability claims. We understand the statutes that impact your case and the laws that may play a part in the compensation you are able to recover.

Our firm is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to take your call, review your case, and help you determine the next best step. A consultation with our team is free and you pay nothing until we win your case.

If You've Been Injured By A Defective Product

7 Things You Should & Should Not Do If You've Been Injured By A Defective Product

- 1 SEE A DOCTOR** Depending upon the severity of your injury or reaction to a medication or procedure, either see a doctor or go to a hospital immediately. Do not give a written or verbal statement regarding your injury; it could work against you.
- 2 TAKE PICTURES OF YOUR INJURIES** Though medical records are essential to prove the severity of your injuries, photos of your injuries explain what words cannot - how serious the injuries were and how frightening. It's up to you to visually document your injuries as well as your recovery. Ask a friend to help you.
- 3 TAKE PICTURES OF THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT** Also take photos of the scene where the accident took place and the product that caused the injuries. If there is evidence to be documented where the accident took place, like blood, photograph that, too.
- 4 GATHER WITNESSES' INFORMATION** If anyone witnessed your accident, either get their contact information or ask them to stay while you wait for the emergency medical crew and police.
- 5 DO NOT POST PHOTOS, VIDEOS, OR TEXT ON SOCIAL MEDIA** Many cases have been profoundly affected by the photos, texts, and videos that accident victims have posted after an accident. Don't do it - it can be used against you.
- 6 DO NOT LAUNDRY THE CLOTHES YOU WERE WEARING** It's possible that traces of chemicals from the defective product or blood from your injury are left on your clothing. Either could be important evidence for your case, so don't wash them until your case is settled.
- 7 CONTACT A PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEY QUICKLY** Leave it to the professionals to manage the legal aspect of your accident. Don't try to handle your case on your own. Remember: you pay nothing unless you win your case. The sooner you hire an attorney and share everything you remember about the accident, the better it is for your case.

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DOG OR ANIMAL BITE INJURIES

Helping you recover from the trauma of an animal attack.

Dog bite occurrences are more common than you might think. The US is home to 89 million dogs, both domestic and stray, and every year dogs bite approximately 4.7 million people, nearly half of them children. Curiously, the number of dog bite claims varies greatly from state to state with both Illinois and Florida in the top five for highest number of dog bite claims in the nation.

A dog or animal bite injury case is when someone else's animal bites or injures you when you were not trespassing or provoking the dog/animal. Emergency rooms typically see a rise in dog bite injuries during the spring and summer months. To be safe never approach a feral dog and make no assumptions about the friendliness of a dog on a leash either.



**Did the neighbor's dog slip out of the fenced yard and attack you?
Did a dog chase your child when she rode past on a bike causing her to crash?
Did a dog owner have you and your family over for a barbecue with assurances that his dog was 'perfectly safe' only to find out he was wrong?**

These are the sorts of circumstances we help our clients navigate legally, medically, financially, and emotionally. If you or someone you love has suffered due to a dog or animal bite, our job/mission is to hold them responsible for your pain and suffering.

At The Park Law Firm, we are well-versed at handling animal bite claims. We understand the statutes that impact your case and the laws that may play a part in the compensation you are able to recover. Our firm is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to take your call, review your case, and help you determine the next best step. A consultation with our team is free and you pay nothing until we win your case.

If you or someone you love has suffered due to an animal attack, we will make it our mission to hold accountable the person responsible for your pain and suffering.

If You've Been Bitten By An Animal

8 Things You Should And Should Not Do After A Dog Bite Accident

1

SEE A DOCTOR If the bite wound is bleeding, wrap it with a clean towel and go to a medical clinic. If the wound is bleeding heavily, call 911 immediately. The police will also likely show up to investigate. If the police do not show up or if you go to a clinic, call the police and report the incident.

2

IDENTIFY OR CONTACT THE DOG'S OWNER The dog's owner often lives nearby. You need to identify the owner or you will not be able to file a lawsuit to reimburse your medical expenses, or find out if the dog has had shots for rabies. If you cannot identify the dog's owner, call animal control.

3

TAKE PICTURES OF YOUR INJURIES Though medical records are essential to prove the severity of your injuries, photos of your injuries explain what words cannot: how serious and frightening the injuries were. Visually document your injuries, your recovery, and evidence like blood or clothing. Ask a friend to help.

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CONTACT YOUR OWN INSURANCE COMPANY Tell your insurance company what you experienced and set up a claim number. You do not have to provide a recorded statement however, and are not required to speak with an Insurance Adjuster.

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