# No Contact Motorcycle Accidents in Georgia

## How Bikers Can Pursue Justice Even When a Driver Never Makes Contact

Motorcycle riders in Georgia already face more danger on the road than drivers in cars. But some of the most frustrating and traumatic <u>motorcycle wrecks</u> occur when a rider is forced off the road by another vehicle that never actually makes contact. These are called "no contact" motorcycle accidents. In the aftermath, police reports might not reflect what really happened, and <u>insurance companies</u> may try to downplay the situation or deny responsibility entirely.

At the <u>Law Offices of Gary Martin Hays & Associates</u>, our lawyers have seen how no contact motorcycle accidents can leave riders with serious injuries, unpaid medical bills, and no clear path forward. You may have been run off the road by a careless driver who kept going, or you may have swerved to avoid a vehicle that turned in front of you without warning. If this sounds familiar, you are not alone — and you may still have legal options.

## **Understanding No Contact Motorcycle Accidents**

In Georgia, a no contact motorcycle accident occurs when a motorcyclist crashes as a result of another driver's negligence, but the vehicles never physically collide. The rider might lay the bike down to avoid a crash, hit an object while swerving, or lose control due to the other vehicle's reckless maneuver.

These crashes happen more often than most people realize. Common scenarios include:

- A driver changes lanes without checking their blind spot, causing the motorcyclist to veer off the road.
- A <u>vehicle turns left</u> in front of an oncoming motorcycle, forcing the rider to brake hard and crash.
- A car suddenly enters a motorcycle's lane, leading the rider to lose control while trying to avoid impact.
- A distracted driver drifts into the motorcyclist's path and forces them off the road.
- A driver brakes suddenly in front of a motorcycle without cause or warning.

In each of these examples, the motorcyclist reacts to a dangerous situation caused by another driver. Just because contact didn't occur doesn't mean the other driver is off the hook.

## Why Fault Still Matters Without a Collision

Georgia follows a modified comparative negligence system. If someone else's negligence caused your crash, you can still pursue compensation as long as you were less than 50 percent at fault. That includes no contact motorcycle accidents where the driver caused the crash indirectly.

The challenge lies in proving that the driver was responsible. Since the at-fault party might not stop, and physical evidence like scrapes or dents may be missing, you need other forms of proof. Our Georgia motorcycle accident lawyers understand how to investigate these cases from the ground up. We gather all available evidence, from witness statements to traffic camera footage, and we work with professionals who understand motorcycle dynamics and crash causation.

## What Makes No Contact Accidents So Dangerous?

Motorcyclists are <u>exposed to greater harm</u> in any type of crash, but no contact accidents present additional dangers. When a driver suddenly cuts you off or forces you off the road, you have limited time and space to react. You might hit gravel, slam into a guardrail, or be thrown from your bike into traffic or trees.

Common injuries in no contact crashes include:

- Traumatic brain injuries and concussions
- Road rash and skin infections
- Fractures of the legs, arms, ribs, or collarbone
- Back, neck, and spinal cord injuries
- Internal organ damage or internal bleeding

What often makes these accidents more devastating is the lack of accountability from the driver who caused it. If they drive away, whether intentionally or because they never noticed, victims are left with questions, pain, and medical bills without someone clearly at fault to point to.

## What to Do After a No Contact Motorcycle Crash in Georgia

If you were forced off the road by another driver and suffered injuries, here are steps to protect your rights and begin building your case:

## **Call 911 Immediately**

Report the accident to police, even if the other driver left the scene. The police report will serve as a foundational piece of evidence and may help identify the other vehicle.

## **Describe the Other Vehicle**

Even if you didn't get a license plate number, describe the color, make, model, and direction the vehicle was traveling. This can help police track the driver and support your version of events.

#### **Look for Witnesses**

Eyewitnesses are crucial in no contact accidents. Ask anyone nearby to stay and provide a statement to the officer. If they can confirm that a vehicle forced you off the road, it strengthens your claim.

#### **Take Photos**

Document your injuries, the accident scene, skid marks, bike damage, and any property damage (guardrails, road signs, etc.). Every detail can help piece together what happened.

## **Get Medical Attention Right Away**

Even if your injuries feel minor, seek medical care. Some serious injuries don't appear until hours or days later. Medical records also help tie your injuries directly to the crash.

## Talk to a Motorcycle Accident Lawyer Before the Insurance Company

Insurance companies are notorious for denying or minimizing no contact accident claims. A lawyer can handle communications, preserve evidence, and protect your legal rights from the start.

#### What if the Other Driver Can't Be Found?

Unfortunately, not every driver in a no contact crash is identified. If the at-fault driver leaves the scene and cannot be located, this is treated as a hit and run under Georgia law. In these cases, your own insurance policy may become a critical lifeline.

Motorcycle riders in Georgia often carry Uninsured Motorist (UM) coverage, which can pay for your injuries and damages when the at-fault driver has no insurance or cannot be identified. However, insurance companies often challenge these claims, especially when no contact occurred.

At Gary Martin Hays & Associates, our attorneys are very familiar with these tactics. We help injured motorcycle riders access the coverage they've paid for and fight back when insurers try to dismiss legitimate claims. Whether we're dealing with your policy or tracking down the driver who caused your crash, we are ready to stand up for your rights.

## **Proving Negligence in a No Contact Motorcycle Crash**

Insurance companies will look for any reason to deny your claim, especially when the evidence appears incomplete. That's why a thorough investigation is essential. We build strong cases using:

- Police reports and accident scene details
- Witness statements and driver accounts

- Dashcam or surveillance video
- Physical evidence like skid marks or bike damage
- GPS or location data from nearby vehicles or phones
- Expert analysis from accident reconstruction professionals

When the right legal strategy is in place, it becomes much harder for the insurance company to deny what happened. Whether the driver was located or not, your injuries and losses are real, and we'll make sure the full story is told.

## How Our Law Firm Helps Injured Riders in Georgia

We have recovered <u>over \$1 billion</u> for injured clients across Georgia. Motorcycle accident cases, including no contact crashes, demand strong legal representation that understands how to push back against unfair blame, overcome insurance resistance, and tell your story with clarity and conviction.

Our legal team does more than file paperwork. We works closely with riders and their families to guide them through every phase of the case, from the investigation to settlement negotiations or trial. You will not be left wondering what happens next. We'll keep you informed and fight relentlessly to maximize your compensation for:

- Emergency medical care and hospital bills
- Ongoing treatment, rehabilitation, and surgeries
- Lost wages and future loss of income
- Pain and suffering
- Loss of quality of life
- Motorcycle repairs or replacement

When needed, we consult with medical specialists, vocational experts, and <u>life care planners</u> to fully account for your long-term needs.

## Take the Next Step After a No Contact Motorcycle Crash

Being forced off the road by another driver who never stops can feel like you've been left with no path forward. But the truth is, you still have rights, and you are not necessarily out of options. With the right legal team on your side, you can hold the responsible party accountable, whether that means identifying the driver or pursuing a claim through your own insurance.

The sooner you take action, the better your chances of building a strong claim. Evidence fades quickly, and delays can hurt your case. Let us take the pressure off your shoulders and help you fight for what you deserve.

<u>Contact the Law Offices of Gary Martin Hays & Associates today</u> for a free, no-obligation case evaluation. We'll listen to your story, explain your options, and fight to get you the justice and financial compensation you deserve.