

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE HURT IN A TRUCK ACCIDENT

Hurt in a truck accident? Here's what you need to do.

1. As soon as possible after the accident:



- Seek medical attention if you are injured. Your health comes first.
- If you don't have insurance, an attorney's lien can help pay your medical bills.

2. At the accident scene:



- Get **contact and insurance information** for the truck driver and trucking company.
- Write down names and contact information for any **witnesses**.
- Take photos of the scene, the vehicles and any other evidence that may be important.
- Call the police to report the accident. When they arrive, ask how you can get a copy of the **police report**.

3. Call a lawyer right away!



- The trucking companies have teams of attorneys on their side. You need someone in your corner who knows how to handle these cases.

4. Your attorney will get a copy of the truck driver's log.



- This tracks **hours of service** and can be used to prove that the trucker was **speeding** or **fatigued**.
- Truckers are only required to keep their logs for **six months** – unless your attorney intervenes!

5. Your attorney will also get a copy of the maintenance log.



- Federal law requires tractor-trailers to be properly maintained and for all maintenance to be documented.

6. Your attorney will investigate the trucking company's hiring and supervision practices.



- Over 25 percent of truckers involved in accidents had a prior conviction for speeding!
- Trucking companies may be held liable for negligent hiring or negligent retention depending on when they learned (or should have learned) that the driver was incompetent.

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