

# INFORMATION WE'LL NEED IF YOU'VE BEEN INJURED IN A CAR ACCIDENT

If you hire us to represent you after a car accident, we want to immediately move forward with your claim. Clients choose McGee Lerer Ogrin after an accident because they want a firm they can trust, they want the claim handled right, and they want it handled NOW. You should know that at our firm, our attorneys and our client work as a team. You can help us to help you by providing the information below. Do not be intimidated by this list. It's thorough, because we are thorough. Not all of the categories will apply to your case. If you do not have all of the information readily available, you can forward it later. The more information you can provide from the get-go, the faster we can move to resolve your claim.

## Facts of Accident

- Date, time, location
- Street you were traveling on and direction of travel
- Street at-fault driver was traveling on and direction of travel
- Brief description of how the accident happened
- Is fault disputed?

**Witnesses:** If there were any witnesses to the accident, we need their name, address & telephone number

## Scene Photos

**Video of Accident:** Was the car accident captured by surveillance video or a dash cam? If yes, we need to obtain the footage before it is recorded over. Such footage is critical if there's a liability dispute.

**Police Report:** Was there a police report? If yes, we need the report number and police station location.

## Your Information

- Name, address, telephone number
- Email address

- Date of birth
- Photo of your driver's license

### **Your Vehicle**

- Year, make, model, license plate number, registered owner's name
- Is the vehicle financed?
- Amount of damage to your vehicle (minor, moderate, major)
- Location of damage on your vehicle
- Did airbags deploy?
- Is your vehicle drivable? If not, where is your vehicle presently located?
- If your vehicle is repairable: name and telephone number of the body shop you want to use

### **Your Insurance**

- Do you have health insurance? Name of health insurance carrier. Photo of health insurance card.
- Your auto insurance:
  - Insurance company's name and policy or claim number
  - Uninsured motorist coverage? Policy limit? We want this information even if the at-fault driver had auto insurance. Reason: if the at-fault driver did not have enough insurance to cover the value of your claim, you may be able to make an "underinsured" motorist claim under your own policy after collecting the at-fault driver's policy limit. Making such a claim will not affect your premiums whatsoever.
  - Medical payments coverage? Policy limit?

### **Information on the At-Fault Party**

- Name, address, telephone number
- Date of birth
- Photo of driver's license
- At-fault driver's vehicle: Year, make, model, license plate number
- Amount of damage to vehicle (minor, moderate, major)
- Location of damage on vehicle

- Did airbags deploy?
- At-fault driver's auto insurance company, including policy or claim number.

**Injuries:** All injuries you suffered as a result of the accident. Send photos of any visible injuries.

**Medical Providers:** Name, telephone number, and dates of treatment for all medical providers you have treated with as a result of the auto accident

**Lost Wages:** If you had to miss work or will miss work because of your injuries from the car accident, we will ask your employer to provide documentation in support of your loss of earnings claim.

- Employer's name and telephone number
- When did you start with the company?
- Job title
- Job duties
- Rate of pay
- Dates you were off work due to the accident

**Prior injury claims:** Before this accident, did you ever make an injury claim? If yes:

- Date of prior injury/accident
- Type of accident
- What injuries did you sustain in the prior accident?
- If you recall: name and type of medical providers you treated with and approximate number of visits