Hurt in an Accident? What to Do Next

A step-by-step client guide: what to do after an accident, plus the myths that can cost you.

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STEP 1 · THE FIRST HOUR

At the Scene

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Get safe and call 911

Move out of traffic if you can and check on everyone involved.

2

Accept medical help

Let paramedics check you, even if you feel okay. Adrenaline can mask pain.

3

Get a police report

In Georgia, crashes with injuries or significant property damage must be reported. Write down the officer's name and the report number.

4

Document everything

Photograph the vehicles, the scene, road conditions, traffic signs and your injuries.

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Exchange information

Get names, phone numbers, insurance details and plate numbers, plus contact info for any witnesses.

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Don't admit fault

Stick to the facts. Even a polite "I'm sorry" can be used against you later.

STEP 2 · PROTECT YOUR HEALTH AND YOUR CLAIM

The Days After

- See a doctor within 24 to 72 hours, even if you feel fine. Some injuries take days to show up.
- Follow your treatment plan and keep every appointment. Gaps in care can hurt your claim.
- Keep a simple pain journal: how you feel each day and what you can't do.
- Save every bill, receipt and record of missed work.
- Notify your own insurer, but don't give a recorded statement to the other driver's insurer.
- Stay off social media about the accident or your injuries. Posts and photos can be used against you.
- Don't sign anything or accept a settlement offer before talking to an attorney.
- **Call Moton Legal Group at (470) 407-5276 to talk through your options.**

> *Tip: Keep every photo, bill and letter in one folder or on your phone, so it's ready when you meet with your attorney.*

DON'T LET THESE COST YOU

Myths vs. Facts

MYTH	FACT
I feel fine, so I don't need a doctor.	Whiplash and concussions can take days to appear, and gaps in treatment are often used to deny claims.
The insurance adjuster is on my side.	The adjuster works for the insurance company, whose goal is to pay out as little as possible.
If I was partly at fault, I can't recover anything.	In Georgia you can still recover if you were less than 50% at fault. Your award is reduced by your share of fault.
I have plenty of time to file.	Georgia generally allows two years. Claims involving a government vehicle or property can have notice deadlines as short as six months.
A quick settlement offer is a good deal.	Early offers often come before you know the full cost of your injuries. Once you sign a release, you can't reopen your claim.
Hiring a lawyer costs too much.	Most personal injury cases are handled on a contingency fee, so you pay nothing up front. Ask us how ours works.
My accident was too small to matter.	Medical bills, lost wages and future care add up quickly. A short call can help you understand your options.

STEP 3 · YOUR CONSULTATION CHECKLIST

What to Bring

Bring whatever you have. Don't worry if something is missing; we can help you get it.

- [ ] Police or accident report number
- [ ] Photos and videos from the scene
- [ ] Insurance information (yours and the other party's)
- [ ] Medical records, bills and receipts
- [ ] Proof of missed work or lost income
- [ ] Witness names and phone numbers
- [ ] Any letters, emails or offers from insurance companies

MY NOTES & QUESTIONS

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