

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT CASES

What should I do to protect my rights?

Your first step should be ensuring that you and all other parties get medical attention. If necessary, call 911.

Collect evidence to document your accident, including:

- Names and contact information of witnesses
- Insurance information from everyone involved in the accident
- Photos of the accident scene
- Copies of the police report
- Records from all medical treatment

How do I get paid for medical bills from the accident?

After you have filed a claim with the insurance company of the alleged at-fault driver, you should file under your own health insurance as well with the help of an attorney.

It is best to talk to your attorney to determine the best course of action if it will take time to receive compensation for the accident.

What if I was partially at fault for the accident?

North Carolina uses the contributory negligence system, which is not helpful for those who are partially at fault. Under this method of determining fault, a driver whose actions contributed to a collision at all will be barred from collecting compensation.

How long do I have to file a motorcycle accident claim?

The state's "statute of limitations" is a time period in which a claim or lawsuit must be filed. In North Carolina, you have **three years** from the date of the crash. If the accident resulted in wrongful death, you will have two years from the crash to file a claim.