



BIGGEST MISTAKES PEOPLE MAKE

When Handling a Car Accident Claim on Their Own

Avoid these common mistakes to protect your rights and help ensure you receive the compensation you deserve after a car accident.

- 1 Delaying medical treatment or skipping follow-up care.
- 2 Failing to document the scene, vehicle damage, injuries, and witness information.
- 3 Admitting fault, apologizing, or guessing about what happened before the facts are clear.
- 4 Giving a recorded statement without preparation or sharing more information than necessary.
- 5 Accepting the first settlement offer before the full extent of injuries and losses is known. It can be easy to undervalue your claim by overlooking future treatment, lost wages, pain and suffering, and out-of-pocket costs.
- 6 Ignoring deadlines for reporting the claim, submitting documents, or filing suit.
- 7 Relying only on the insurance adjuster's explanation of what the claim is worth.
- 8 Posting on social media about the accident, injuries, or daily activities.
- 9 Failing to keep organized records of bills, treatment, mileage, repair estimates, and communications.
- 10 Signing releases or settlement papers without understanding what rights are being waived.