



Truck Accident Checklist

If your family member or friend has been injured in a serious truck accident, following the steps on this checklist to protect their rights and help their legal case.

DON'T Let Them Sign a Release or Give a Statement to the Insurance Adjuster

The adjuster for the truck driver's or trucking carrier's insurance company is not there to help your loved one. In fact, they will use anything your loved one says — including statements that may be influenced by grief, shock, and medications — against them later. Let your loved one know they have no legal obligation to talk to anyone from the insurance company and shouldn't do so until they've contacted a lawyer.

Seek Help From an Experienced, Board-Certified Truck Accident Lawyer

A truck accident lawyer can protect your loved one's rights, deal with the insurance companies, keep the trucking company from covering up important evidence, and more. But you need to contact them right away. Make sure the lawyer you hire has experience handling truck wreck cases. One way to tell whether an attorney is experienced is to see if they're board-certified as a truck accident specialist by the ABA-approved National Board of Trial Advocacy. Truck wreck claims work much differently than car accident claims, and a car accident lawyer may not have the resources and experience needed to handle your truck wreck case successfully.

Call the Seattle Truck Law team and get a free consultation with an experienced, board-certified trucking accident lawyer: 866-580-HURT (4878)

Tell Your Loved One's Auto Insurance Company About the Crash

Call your loved one's insurance agent to report the accident. You may also be able to file a report online if your insurance company provides this option. If you've already hired a lawyer, they can help you with this step.

Call the Police Department and Get a Copy of the Police Report

The police report from the crash may not be available until a few days after the accident, but it can be a critical piece of evidence in your loved one's case. Again, if you've already hired a lawyer, they can help you.

DON'T Trust the Insurance Company

Employees from the insurance company will probably try to play nice with your loved one and your family after the crash, pretending to help you. Meanwhile, they'll have people preserving only the evidence that's helpful to them. Eventually, the company plans to make your family a minimal offer for compensation that doesn't begin to pay for your loved one's massive medical bills and other costs. By that time, some of the most important evidence that could help your loved one's case will be gone.

Don't fall victim to these tactics. Instead, get help from an experienced truck accident attorney who can move fast to fight the insurance company and protect your loved one's rights. Contact the Seattle Truck Law team and schedule your free consultation with an experienced, board-certified truck accident lawyer.

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