



5 COSTLY MISTAKES GEORGIANS MAKE WHEN INJURED IN AN ACCIDENT

We hope it never happens, but if it does, there are **5 Things** you should **NEVER** do after an accident:

Have you suffered physical trauma in the state of Georgia because of someone else's negligence? The excruciating pain in your back, neck, arms, and legs from broken bones and reconstructive surgeries, combined with lost wages and time from work -- can make you feel overwhelmed and despondent.

That makes the process of selecting the right personal injury attorney a daunting task, yet it is one of the most important decisions you'll ever make for your future in the aftermath of an unforeseen event. You are already suffering enough. Don't add insult to injury: avoid the 5 most costly mistakes Georgians make when injured in an accident.

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They Choose a Big, Well-Known Personal Injury Law Firm

This is a common and understandable mistake. However, when it comes to law firms, bigger is not necessarily better. In fact, the larger the firm, the greater the chances your case will be passed on to a junior attorney if they deem it "unworthy" of the most experienced representation. You are not a number. You are a human being who wants to recover and resume your life. Look for a personal injury law firm that pays personal attention to your legal matters while also being concerned about your recovery and post-accident quality of life.

A small firm cannot hide from its clients; therefore, they have personal accountability to you. When you work with a smaller firm, you have more contact and interaction with your attorney and legal staff, which means you have more influence over your case. With a large, impersonal firm, you often remain in the dark about the latest developments and goings-on. Look for a law firm that believes in developing a relationship with you, one that you speak with so much that you find yourself discussing other things besides your case...like your kids, your spouse, and your dreams

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They Fail to Report an Accident or Injury to the Police

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They Don't Do Research Before Hiring a Personal Injury Attorney

Before we make a big purchase like a car, a boat, or a hard-earned vacation, most of us take some time to research, read reviews, and comparison shop. Why not take the same approach for something even more important - your wellbeing and security? In the aftermath of a horrific accident, we understand that you want to hire legal counsel as soon as possible. However, it is in your best interest to think long term and resist the temptation to sign a contract with any Georgia personal injury law firm until you have fully vetted them. Take the time to interview at least a few firms so you can compare notes and make an informed decision as to which one best suits your needs.

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They Hire a Personal Injury Attorney Who Lacks Experience Dealing with Insurance Companies

While it is an often overlooked point, hiring an attorney who has experience in dealing with insurance companies can make a significant difference in your case. You want a personal injury attorney who understands that insurance companies are large corporations in the business of making money. They will do their best to settle your case for much less than you need or deserve to cover your medical bills, vehicle damage, doctors visits, and living expenses. Even your own insurance company is looking out for its own self-interest first, despite all the premiums you have paid them over the years. You need an experienced lawyer who will fight for your rights and get you what you deserve because they understand how insurance companies operate and know how to get fair compensation from them. A personal injury attorney with a track record of representing clients against insurance companies knows how to build and settle your case for the most reasonable amount of money possible.

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They Think They Cannot Afford an Attorney

Many people make the mistake of not hiring a personal injury attorney because they believe, in error, that they will be charged for the consultation and pay a retainer fee for representation. But this is simply not true. There is no charge for a consultation with a personal injury attorney and you do not pay any fees until you recover money from an insurance company. Do not miss out on the settlement you deserve as compensation for your pain and suffering because you think you cannot afford an attorney.

BONUS!

They Did Not Hire Atlanta Native and Experienced Personal Injury Attorney Riah Greathouse

As a Georgian, you not only want a personal injury attorney with years of experience in helping their clients receive just settlements after being injured in an accident - you want someone who is passionate and committed to serving his local community, his city, and his state. For Atlanta native Riah Greathouse, "Atlanta is home. I grew up here. My family is here. There is something special about coming home and servicing the people of your community. Both of my parents have been in the legal field and my grandfather is one of the first blacks - if not the first black - to graduate from John Marshall Law School right here in Atlanta. I have always felt that connection, and I feel that there is no greater calling for me than to be a lawyer right here in this city, fighting for the people who need justice. When people come to us, it has been the worst time of their lives. They are scared and they don't know what's next. We are here to provide that support for them but also to educate them on what we can do together and the kind of results we can achieve for them."

Have you been injured in an accident? At Greathouse Trial Law, a consultation is free and confidential. We'll be happy to go over the details of your personal injury claim and discuss the options available to you. Contact us today to schedule your appointment.

The One Thing You Should ALWAYS Do?