

CHECKLIST: Information and Documents to Collect for Your Lawyer after an Injury

Before you meet with your lawyer for the first time after you've been injured, collect any documents you have relating to your accident and injury and place them in a folder or large envelope. Here's a list of some of the documents and other pertinent information to take with you to your lawyer, if applicable to your case.

Information

- _____ Name and address of ambulance service
- _____ Name and address of the emergency room where you were initially taken
- _____ Dates you were admitted to the emergency room and the hospital
- _____ Names and business address of all doctors who have examined you
- _____ Names and addresses of chiropractors you have consulted
- _____ Names of all people who were involved in the accident
- _____ Names and addresses of witnesses to the accident
- _____ Dates you missed work because of the accident
- _____ Name and telephone number of each insurance adjustor you have talked to
- _____ List of people you have talked to about the accident or your injuries

Documents

- _____ Accident report
- _____ Copies of any written statements
- _____ Your automobile insurance policy if you were injured in a car accident along with the "declarations" page or "coverage certificate" that sets forth what kinds of coverage you have purchased and what the policy limits are

- _____ Your homeowner's or renter's policy, along with the declarations page or coverage certificate
- _____ Medical or disability insurance policy or coverage certificate
- _____ Other policies, including major medical, hospitalization, veterans insurance
- _____ All correspondence you have received from any insurer about the accident or your injuries
- _____ Medical bills
- _____ Receipts for things you have had to buy because of your injury
- _____ Receipts for things you have had to fix because of the accident