

Do's and Don'ts After An Automobile Accident

Proven Tips to Increase Your Settlement Amount



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You may have just been involved in a car accident (or it may be weeks since your auto accident) and you are looking for information. You may also be looking for a **car accident lawyer*** to help you.

Our goal with this presentation is to provide you with important information about the car accident claims process. In some cases, ***you may NOT NEED*** a car accident attorney and in other cases an auto accident lawyer it is *highly recommended*.

If you were injured in a serious **car accident in Bucks County, Pennsylvania and suffered severe injuries that led to damages, contact **Cordisco & Saile LLC** for help with your case.*

Give us a call at [215-791-8911](tel:215-791-8911) or [use our contact form](#) to set up a **FREE** consultation with one of our personal injury attorneys.

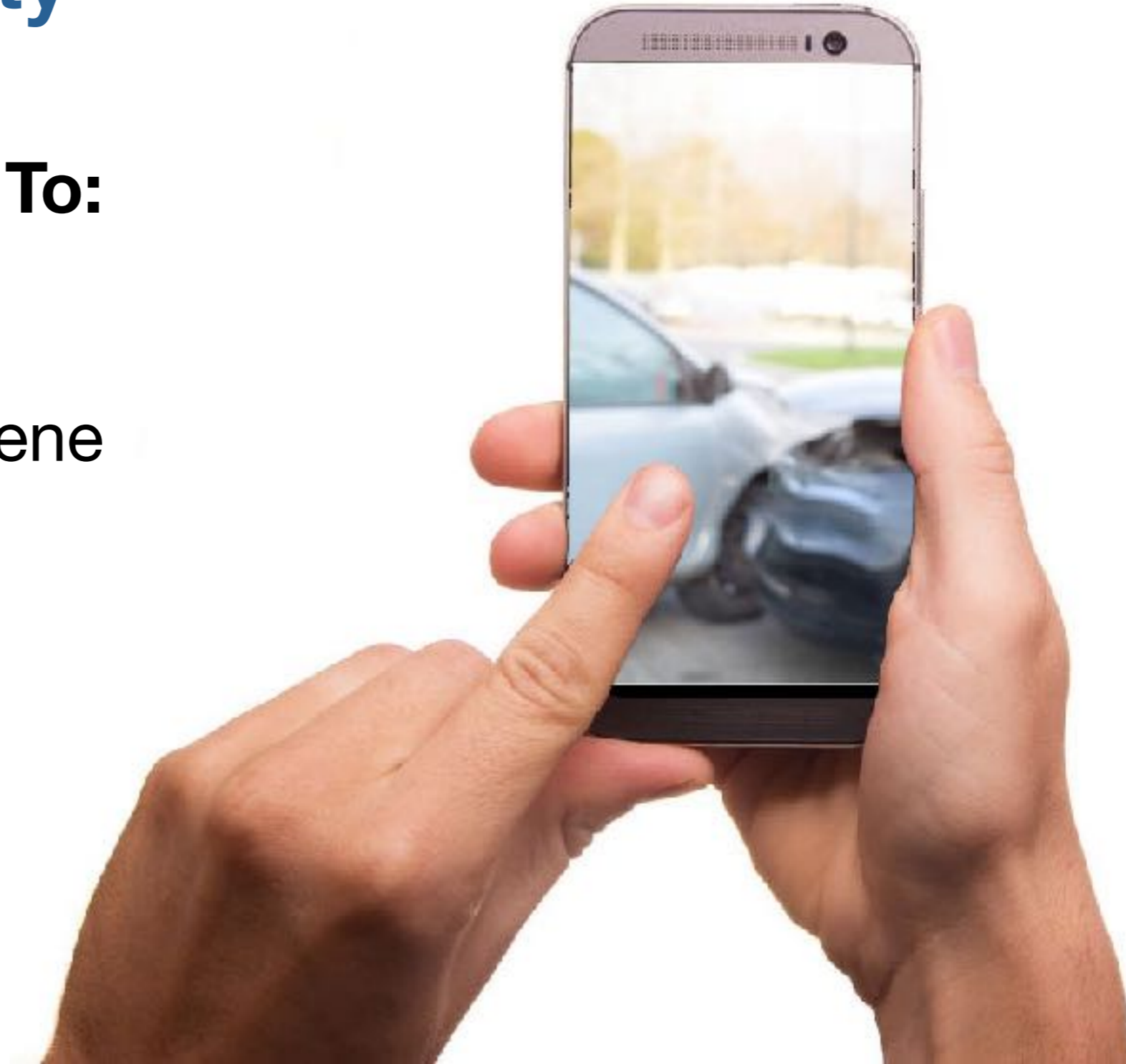
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***Use Your Cell Phone To:**

- Take Photos
- Record Accident Scene
- Record Witnesses
- Record Other Driver

**If you are able to use your cell phone,
record as much evidence as possible*



2. Insurance Companies

2. Talking With Insurance Companies

DO report the accident to **YOUR** insurance company

- You have a duty to report the accident to your insurance company
- You must do this within a reasonable amount of time
- Failure to report may cause you to lose your insurance coverage and your case



DON'T give statement to the other driver's insurance company

- You have no legal duty
- Tell them you are retaining a lawyer
- If you already made a statement, keep notes on exactly what you said and inform your attorney
- Never accept any offers under any circumstances

3. Injuries Diagnosed

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DO Follow the Hospitals Instructions

- Read the “discharge instructions” and follow the instructions given by hospital
- Read description of your injuries
- Treatment (e.g. follow-up with your family doctor)
- Prescriptions (i.e. painkillers and muscle relaxers)



DON'T Forget To Visit Your Family Doctor

- Obtain an appointment *within 2 days*
- Be assertive and ask about their neck and spine injury qualifications
- Ask for a referral to a qualified doctor who regularly treats traumatic injuries
- Be sure doctor is willing to write comprehensive medical reports and testify in court

3. Injuries Diagnosed

Common Medical Specialists for Auto Accidents

- Orthopedists
- Neurologists
- Radiologist
- Surgeons
- Pain Management Doctors
- Chiropractors

Choosing Your Doctor

Your lawyer **should not** refer you directly to a doctor. Juries make find your case fraudulent manufactured by you, the doctor, and your attorney.

You, your family doctor, and your loved ones should make final medical decisions and *not your lawyer*.

3. Injuries Diagnosed

Follow All Doctor's Instructions

- You may be treated by several doctors including your family doctor, Orthopedist, Neurologist, Radiologist, Surgeons, Pain Management Doctor, or Chiropractor

Follow Care Plan

- Medication(s)
- Diet Restrictions
- Stretching
- Rest
- Sleep
- Physical Therapy
- Exercise
- Doctor Appointments*

*Missing appointments of any kind may be used against you

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DO Keep a Daily Journal

- Location, intensity, and duration of your pain
- Any physical and mental restrictions that you experienced due to your injuries
- Any medications taken, including both prescribed and over-the-counter
- Any doctor appointments that you attend and the type of treatment received
- Any activities, hobbies, household or employment duties that you could not perform because of your pain and restrictions
- Any activities, hobbies, household or employment duties that you did perform or partially performed, but with pain and restrictions



4. Do You Have A Case?

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Personal Injury Case Types

- Car Accident
- Truck Accident
- Motorcycle Accident
- Boating Accident
- ATV Accident
- Construction Accident
- Work-Related Accident
- Slip and Fall Accident
- Dangerous Product Accident

Three Questions Lawyers Will Ask

1. Who is at fault?
2. What are your injuries?
3. Do you have a restriction in your auto insurance policy on your right to recover?

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At-Fault Determination

- Common Sense
- Rules of the Road
- Police Reporting
- Jury

Sustained Injuries

- Evaluation of the extent and permanency of your injuries or disabilities
- How the injury affects your life

Right to Recover Restrictions

- Limited Tort (sometimes termed verbal threshold) auto insurance policy

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You DON'T Not Need A Lawyer

- Little or no bodily injury
- Other driver has limited tort insurance
- Recovery amount is too small

You DO Need a Lawyer

- You are badly injured
- Your injuries, pain, and restrictions affects your everyday normal life
- Your suffering and financial loss affects you and your family
- You have lost wages and other out-of-pocket expenses

6. Finding the Right Lawyer

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DON'T Be Fooled By Lawyer's Advertising

- Ignore Yellow Page Ads
- Ignore TV Commercials
- Ignore Paid Google Ads
- Rather, ask your network of friends, family members, and business contacts

DO Ask Important Questions

- Do they focus in **car accident law**?
- What is their litigation experience?
 - How many past cases?
 - What percentage go to trial?
 - How many did they win?
- How many current cases?
- How complex?
- How much time to devote to your case?
- What are their acceptance guidelines?

7. Cordisco & Saile

- Focuses in car accident law
- High acceptance guidelines
- Great communication with clients
- Handle each case from beginning to end
- Compassionate
- Fair Fee Agreement
- Skillful and experienced negotiators
- Willing to file a lawsuit
- Case Results
 - \$2,470,000 - Armored Truck Accident Victim
 - \$1,330,000 - Bus Accident Victim
 - \$1,200,000 - Motorcycle Accident Victim

Steve Kelleher (Verified Google Review)



Mike and his staff- Barb and Michelle are top notch. They are very responsive and listen to your issues. Mike will fight very hard and get you the best possible outcome to your case. Communication is great and you will always be kept in the loop as to your case status. I rate them 5 stars. Use their firm. You will not be disappointed.

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