

Checklist: Information to Collect for Your Lawyer

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