

What to do after the accident...

Your first matter of business!...

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If you have unfortunately become a **victim**, your first concern should be to prevent your situation from worsening. This may mean many different things depending on your type of victim status. It could, perhaps, require you to see a medical doctor, medical specialist, or you might need to seek other type of expert assistance. Our past clients have taught us that, in many instances, you may not want to receive medical attention or similar attention. The "I'll be O.K. in a few days" is a prevailing attitude. While we have a compassionate understanding of this belief, it is, however, not an favorable attitude to hold. In fact, you quite possibly could worsen your condition by failing to take preventative measures. What may have been a molehill had it been caught early can grow to become a mountain. For example, if you need medical attention, we have the ability to suggest medical providers who can help you with your medical problem and hopefully prevent the development of further problems. Preventing your condition from deteriorating further **must** be your first concern.

One of the most frustrating difficulties for any attorney to overcome in the litigation of a client's claim is the **loss** or **destruction** of *critical evidence* following an accident. Evidence, the linchpin for success in any litigation, takes on a variety of different shapes and forms. Many pieces of potentially **crucial evidence** are lost forever because the non-lawyer does not know what evidence is, or how to preserve potential evidence in the event of litigation.

In an effort to help you protect yourself from the danger of lost or destroyed evidence, we have provided some tips for your use. However, this is not intended to be all encompassing, but rather a basic guide to some of the common pieces of evidence which are often needed in preparation of a client's case.

After the insurance and driver's license information has been exchanged, most laypeople have the misunderstanding that evidence gathering and preservation concludes at this point in time. This, however, is not the case. Here are some tips that you can use to

ensure that you have maximized your potential for recovery through **evidence preservation**.

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