



THE COMPLETE GUIDE

to Navigating Recovery & Compensation
After Being Injured In Las Vegas



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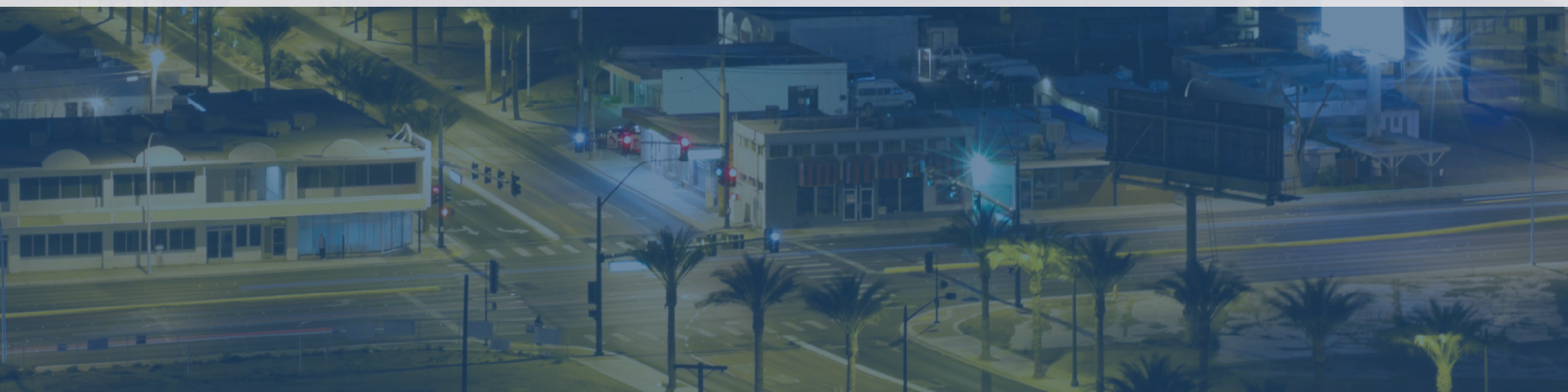


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ABOUT LADAH LAW

[Ladah Law Firm](#) is a Las Vegas, Nevada-based personal injury law firm representing injured victims of car accidents, motorcycle accidents, truck accidents, slip and fall accidents, medical malpractice, product liability cases, premises liability cases, and other acts of negligence. We have extensive experience winning fair settlements and verdicts for our clients covering their medical expenses, rehabilitation, financial losses, as well as pain and suffering. We also represent families of wrongful death victims.

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Section 1: First Steps To Take Immediately After An Injury

DO I NEED TO CALL 911 AFTER AN INJURY IN LAS VEGAS?



Every day throughout the United States, there are thousands of motor vehicle accidents. Some of these accidents are relatively minor fender-bender accidents, while others involve serious injuries or fatalities. Unfortunately, if you drive long enough, it is an almost foregone conclusion that you will be involved in some type of motor vehicle accident, whether it is your responsibility or someone else's fault.

Do I Need to Call 911 If Am Involved in an Car Accident?

If you are involved in a wreck, it is important to know the [first steps to take after being in a car accident in Las Vegas](#). Most importantly, the first question that needs to be asked in any type of accident is whether 911 should be called to the scene. Every accident is different. For this reason, there is no hard-and-fast rule that provides a definitive answer for every situation. Nevertheless, there are general guidelines and some specific rules to help you determine whether 911 should be called:

- Contact the police if you or another person (including passenger, pedestrian or other driver) suffers an injury or if there is a fatality; and
- Contact the police if there is damage to your or another person's car or other property. Depending on the severity of the damage, however, it may not be necessary to contact the police or the police may not respond to the accident.

Ultimately, if you are in doubt regarding whether to call 911, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department recommends calling 911. According to the Department, it is [better to be safe](#) and let the 911 call taker determine if you need emergency assistance. If you do not call 911 or if the police do not come to the accident scene, you should at least [file a police report](#). What's more, you can also [call 311](#) to report any type of crime where there is no immediate threat to life or property. If you are an accident involving relatively minor property damage or if you believe there has been a motor vehicle violation, you can call 311 to report the issue.

These general guidelines and rules for when to call the police are also applicable to situations involving other types of accidents, such as public transportation accidents or accidents on another person's or business's property, including slip and fall accidents.

If you have questions regarding contacting the police in an accident, the Las Vegas personal injury attorneys at [Ladah Law Firm](#) can answer your questions.

Why Is It Important to Call 911 After an Injury?

Any [car accident lawyer](#) would say that there are several legal and practical reasons why it is important to call 911 after a motor vehicle or other type of accident. Notably, contacting the police can help protect you from legal liability. In certain situations, [Nevada law](#) imposes a legal obligation on a person to contact the police in certain situations. Failure to contact the police after an accident involving an injury or fatality can result in civil and criminal penalties, including imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of two years and a maximum term of 15 years and by a fine of between \$2,000 and \$5,000.

As a practical matter, contacting the police can help you facilitate your insurance claim and the processing of your claim. Furthermore, contacting the police can help protect you in civil disputes involving other individuals. The police will arrive at the accident and document the accident scene and any injuries. What's more, the police may also issue a citation if they believe that another party is at fault. A police report can be used in future litigation and is a useful tool to combat testimony from another witness at trial. Not only will it help protect you from claims of other injured drivers, you may also need to protect your rights against other passengers in your car or passengers in another car involved in a crash.



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PHOTOGRAPHING THE SCENE OF YOUR LAS VEGAS ACCIDENT

Photographic evidence is one of the most powerful forms of evidence in any type of accident. Photographs have the ability to convey pertinent information, but they also provide jurors with [physical, tangible evidence](#) that they can hold and view while listening to testimony and while reaching a decision. While the pictures do not take the place of written reports or other testimony, they provide useful evidence to help further explain the accident and who may have caused the accident. As such, if you are involved in an accident, whether it is car or slip-and-fall accident, it is important to document the accident through numerous pictures.



What Type of Pictures to Take at an Accident Scene?

Generally, there are common pictures that should be taken at an accident scene.

Regardless of whether you want to recover [from a casino accident](#) or for a [Las Vegas slip & fall accident](#), you should make sure to take the following types of pictures:

- Overall accident scene, including pictures from a variety of angles and viewpoints;
- Injuries to you or any other persons, including cuts, bruises, scrapes; and
- Any property damage involved in the accident.

These pictures should be taken as soon after the accident as possible. It is important to take pictures of injuries or property damage suffered by other people. Before taking these pictures, however, you should try to obtain the permission from the other person. If the person refuses, then you should only document any injuries or property damage in plain and open view.

Pictures for Particular Types of Accidents

For different types of accidents, such as car or slip-and-fall accidents, there are certain photographs that should be taken. For example, in a car accident, you should [photograph](#):

- Any property damage to vehicles, including lamp damage, tire, abrasion or transfer marks, parts failure, damage to the load, or other areas showing damage;

- The position of the vehicles after the accident, including any skid marks;
- The location where tire marks start and the direction of the marks;
- Position and condition of traffic control devices;
- Any view obstructions, including vehicles, environmental conditions, or signs;
- Point of view of drivers and of witnesses; and
- Important marks on the roadway to show the position of the vehicles before and during the crash, including tire marks, gouges, ruts or furrows, debris, and lane markers.

Or, in a slip-and-fall accident on another person's property, you should make sure to take pictures of the:

- Condition of the property at the time of the accident, such as wet spots or any signs warning of dangerous conditions;
- Type of clothing and footwear at the time of the accident. If an injury occurred due to a wet condition, clothing may be wet. Or if someone tripped on an uneven payment, the shoe may show evidence of being ripped or torn; and
- The surrounding environment to show what else was around the scene of the accident that may have contributed to the accident, such as loose cords, ripped carpet, or broken pavement.

Ultimately, the circumstances of each accident will determine what type of pictures should be taken. As a general rule, however, it is best to take as many pictures as possible. It is all the more important to take pictures of an accident when the police do not come to an accident scene and do not complete a police report. Even when the police arrive, however, you should still take as many pictures as possible because you may obtain picture evidence that the police do not.



Involved in an Accident? Contact Our Las Vegas Accident Attorneys

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WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD I GATHER AFTER BEING INJURED IN VEGAS & WHY



Everyday throughout Las Vegas and Nevada, hundreds of people are involved in various types of accidents. These accidents can be as simple as minor fender-bender accidents to complex medical surgical errors. Common types of accidents that occur throughout Las Vegas on a daily basis include:

- Motor vehicle accidents, involving cars, motorcycles, pedestrians, and bicycles;
- Public transportation accidents on buses, taxis, trains, or planes;
- Premises liability accidents, such as

slip-and-fall accidents in a parking lot or at a hotel or casino; and

- Medical injuries, such as surgical errors or medical misdiagnosis.

Information to Gather Following an Accident

Regardless of the type of accident, when someone is involved in an accident, there is the potential for serious injuries or fatalities. It is important to understand that following any type of accident, there are certain steps that must be followed, both for legal and practical reasons. Generally, you should do the following after any incident, even if you were [injured on someone else's property](#):

- Get the names and contact information of anyone involved in the accident;
- Obtain the names and contact information of any witnesses;
- Exchange insurance information, including name of insurance provider and policy number;
- Photograph any property damage or injuries to you or other persons;
- Photograph the scene of the accident;
- Obtain copies of any medical reports and receipts; and
- Obtain police information, including police name and badge number and a copy of the police report.

Being proactive in obtaining and exchanging this information is necessary to protect your legal rights. For example, in car accident resulting in injury, fatality, or property damage, one [must give](#) "his or her name, address and the registration number of the vehicle the driver is driving, and shall upon request and if available exhibit his or her license to operate a motor vehicle to any person injured in such accident or to the driver or occupant of or person attending any vehicle or other property damaged in such accident." Further, obtaining all of the information involved in an accident can help in

negotiating a settlement for damages or in defending or bringing a civil lawsuit. What's more, the information following an accident can help you facilitate your insurance claim and the processing of your claim.

Specific Information to Gather in Various Types of Accidents

While certain categories of information generally need to be collected in all types of accidents, there are specific accidents where additional information must be obtained. In a car accident, the following should be performed:

- Take detailed pictures of the accident scene from a variety of different views and angles, including vehicle position, roadway marks, and property damage;
- Exchange car insurance information and policy numbers; and
- Confirm that the person has a license to operate a motor vehicle.

In a public transportation accident, or if you were the [victim of an accident while riding in a cab](#), the following actions should be taken:

- Take detailed pictures of the accident scene from a variety of different views and angles, including vehicle position, roadway marks, and property damage;
- Obtain the name and license number of the person driving the vehicle;
- Identify the company that owns and operates the public transportation or the cab, including any license information; and
- Obtain the name and contact information for an authorized agent of the company.

In a medical error case, the following steps should be followed:

- Identify all the medical providers who provided medical assistance and obtain their contact information;
- Identify the employers of the medical providers and obtain the contact information of an authorized agent; and
- Obtain all of the medical records relating to medical treatment.

In a premises liability accident, the following should be done:

- Photograph the accident scene immediately after the accident to document the condition of the scene;
- Identify any factors that may have contributed to the accident, such as a wet floor, lack of warning sign, ripped carpet, or defective stairs;
- Identify the company that owns, operates, or manages premises; and
- Obtain the name and contact information for an authorized agent of the company.



Contact Our Las Vegas Accident Attorneys for More Information

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WHEN SHOULD I CONTACT THE INSURANCE COMPANY & WHAT SHOULD I TELL THEM?

From bicycle accidents to slip-and-fall accidents in hotel parking lots, accidents happen every day throughout the United States and in all different forms and settings. These accidents often can cause devastating injuries or even result in fatalities. What's more, accidents, such as motor vehicle collisions can cause significant property damage. Fortunately, insurance provides a remedy that allows individuals involved in an accident to recover compensation for their injuries and property damage.



After an accident happens, there usually is a limited time period within which the insurance carrier must be notified of the accident. Notably, failure to timely and promptly notify the insurance carrier can have negative consequences, such as a denial of coverage. Even before you contact the insurance company, however, you should first contact an experienced Las Vegas accident attorney who can help you understand your legal rights and recourse, even after an accident with an [uninsured driver](#).

Types of Accidents That May be Covered by Insurance

There are a variety of different accidents that may involve the need to work with an insurance company to submit a claim or to recover compensation. Common examples of accidents involving insurance carriers include:

- Motor vehicle accidents, including cars, buses, motorcycle, and trucks;
- Pedestrian and bicyclist accidents;
- Public transportation accidents, including buses, trains, taxis, vans, limousines, and car sharing; and
- Premises liability accidents, such as a slip-and-fall accident at a casino or hotel or a dog bite on another person's property.

Information to Tell the Insurance Company

Once you contact the insurance company regarding an accident, it is important that you provide the company with all of the information that it needs to process the claim. When contacting an insurance company regarding an injury or property damage, you should generally provide the following:

- Names of the parties involved in the accident;

- Names of any witnesses to the accident
- A description of when and where the accident happened;
- A description of how the accident happened;
- The police report number;
- Details of any injuries to you or other people and a list of any property damage; and
- Evidence of injuries, such as medical records, and documents of medical expenses and property damage losses.

While there is no law that requires you to provide certain information to the insurance company, failing to provide requested information to the insurance company can impact the process. Importantly, this can delay the processing of a claim or the insurance company may outright deny coverage.



Questions About an Accident? Contact a Las Vegas Accident Attorney Today

If you have questions regarding what information you need to provide an insurance company after a wreck or [after an accident at your Vegas apartment complex](#), it is important to contact an experienced Las Vegas accident attorney for help. At the [Ladah Law Firm](#), our Las Vegas accident attorneys can answer all of your insurance and accident-related questions. From working with insurance companies to prosecuting personal injury lawsuits, our Las Vegas accident attorneys have extensive experience helping victims recover compensation for their injuries.

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WHAT IF I WAS INJURED IN VEGAS & FORGOT TO TAKE RECOMMENDED STEPS

Motor vehicle accidents are a leading cause of injuries and fatalities across the United States. And in Las Vegas, the situation is no different. Last year in Las Vegas, there were 13,678 collisions resulting in 8,727 injuries. What's more, there were more than 100 fatalities involving drivers, passengers, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Unfortunately, a majority of these accidents occurred because of driver error. Fortunately, there are [steps to take after a Las Vegas car accident](#) that can help you recover compensation in the future.

Recommended Steps to Take in an Accident

If you are unexpectedly involved in an a motor vehicle accident, it is important that you take certain steps to protect your legal rights. As a matter of course, anytime you are involved in an accident, you should take the following steps:

- Seek immediate medical attention, if necessary;
- Contact the police to report any injuries or property damage;
- Review the police report to ensure accuracy. Do not sign any documentation admitting liability;
- Exchange contact and insurance information with other drivers;
- Identify any witnesses to the accident scene and obtain their contact information;
- Take pictures of the accident scene as soon as possible, including property damage, road marks, and road conditions;
- Document any injuries and medical attention received;
- Contact an experienced Las Vegas accident attorney before speaking with anyone, including an insurance company; and
- Contact the insurance company to report your claim and to provide them with the necessary information.

By taking these steps, you can protect your legal rights against claims from other parties and strengthen any case you may have against other parties for liability. Furthermore, this process can help expedite the processing of your claim with an insurance carrier.

What To Do If You Fail to Take A Recommended Step

For whatever reason, however, sometimes people forget to take one or more of the necessary steps. Sometimes people are flustered in these situations or may not know what to do. Common examples include failing to notify the police, not taking pictures of the accident scene, or failing to notify the insurance company of the accident.

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In these situations, you may be left wondering what to do or how it affects the process. If you find yourself in this position, it is important to reach out to an experienced Las Vegas accident attorney who can help guide you through this process. For example, an experienced accident attorney will investigate an accident and document the accident site to determine who may be liable. In addition, an accident attorney can help locate possible witnesses to the accident scene. Further, an accident attorney can document your medical claims and expenses to make sure that you recover the compensation you deserve. Finally, an accident attorney can help negotiate a settlement with the insurance company or file a lawsuit to protect your legal rights.



Contact Ladah Law Firm's Las Vegas Accident Attorneys

If you find yourself in a situation where you did not take one of the recommended steps following an accident, an experienced Las Vegas accident attorney can help. At the [Ladah Law Firm](#), our Las Vegas accident attorneys have experience working with individual in all types of accidents.

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Section 2: Next Steps to Take After an Injury

I THINK I'M OK AFTER BEING INJURED IN VEGAS - SHOULD I STILL SEEK TREATMENT?



According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [injuries](#) are the leading cause of death for people between the ages of 1 and 44. Further, motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death among Americans between the ages of 5 and 34, with about 18,000 people dying each year. What's more, falls account for approximately 20% of fatalities every year.

Common Injuries Suffered Following an Accident

From car crashes to slip-and-falls to surgical errors, unintentional accidents can cause [different types of injuries](#) and even death. As such, it is paramount that you seek immediate medical attention anytime that you are involved in an accident. Common [personal injuries in Vegas](#) from accidents include:

- Cuts, bruises, and lacerations;
- Leg injuries, including knee sprains and tears, broken bones, and fractures;
- Abdominal injuries, including broken or fractured ribs;
- Facial injuries, including cuts and bruises;
- Head injuries, including concussions; and
- Neck and chest injuries.

Ultimately, the type and severity of any injury will depend on the circumstances of each situation. For any of these injuries, however, it is imperative to seek immediate medical attention.

Common Undiagnosed or Untreated Accidents

While many injuries suffered during an accident may be obvious, other injuries are not as easily detectable or may not show up for some time after the accident. Examples of these types of injuries include:

- Concussions, which can result in headaches, blurred vision, dizziness, sensitivity to light, or difficulty breathing;
- Soft tissue injuries to muscles, tendons, and ligaments, such as "whiplash" injuries; and
- Emotional harm, such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

Even if you do not believe you have suffered any injury, it is important to visit a doctor as soon after the accident as possible. Symptoms often do not appear until days or weeks after an accident. The doctor will diagnose and treat any obvious injuries and symptoms.

More importantly, however, a doctor will also provide guidance on how to monitor any symptoms following an accident that may not be obvious. What's more, the doctor can recommend any follow up treatments and appointments to monitor and to treat delayed injuries and symptoms. Seeking immediate medical attention will also help facilitate the processing of your insurance claim and limit the ability of the insurance company to deny coverage based on not timely seeking medical attention.



Reach Out to Our Personal Injury Attorneys for Help

At the [Ladah Law Firm](#), our Las Vegas personal injury attorneys have extensive experience helping accident victims recover compensation for their injuries. From helping you with your insurance claim to filing a personal injury lawsuit, we can help you manage your injuries and medical expenses to make sure you recover the compensation you deserve.

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HOW TO FIND A REPUTABLE INJURY ATTORNEY IN VEGAS & WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER CONTACTING THEM

If you have been injured in an accident, one of the most important steps that you can take following the accident is to have an experienced, respected attorney represent you. The [Ladah Law Firm, PLLC](#) is one of Las Vegas' and Nevada's preeminent personal injury law firms representing injured victims of car accidents, motorcycle accidents, truck accidents, slip and fall accidents, medical malpractice, product liability cases, premises liability cases, and other acts of negligence. We have extensive experience winning fair settlements and verdicts for our clients covering their medical expenses, rehabilitation, financial losses, as well as pain and suffering. We also represent families of wrongful death victims.



We are committed to helping our clients deal with the present while preparing for the future. From investigating a claim to filing a lawsuit, we are there for our clients throughout the entire process. We answer our clients' questions and let them know how their settlement or case is coming. We fight for a settlement that will help them heal and rebuild their lives.

Our attorney-fee policy is simple: no recovery, no fee. We take all personal injury cases on a contingency basis. That means you will only owe an attorney's fee if we obtain compensation for you. You can call us today at [702-389-6464](tel:702-389-6464) for a [free initial consultation](#) and case evaluation.

Keys to Finding a Reputable Attorney

When looking for an attorney to represent you in a personal injury accident, it is important not just to select any attorney on the internet. Rather, you should take the time to research and meet with several attorneys, and [understand how they measure success](#). When meeting with attorneys, there are several key signs to look for to select a reputable attorney. These include;

- The attorney has extensive experience practicing in one particular area of the law, such as personal injury claims;
- The attorney does not guarantee you will win your case or you will recover a certain amount of money;

- The attorney will regularly communicate with the client throughout the entire process to make sure that they are updated on the case status;
- Prior to becoming a client, the attorney will explain the entire legal process to the client, including the possibility of every legal outcome;
- Previous clients have spoken favorably of the attorney, even when the client may not have received a favorable outcome in their case;
- The attorney has published articles and spoken on topics in the attorney's area of legal practice;
- Other attorneys and judges speak favorably of the attorney, especially opposing counsel; and
- The attorney is passionate about the area of law in which he or she practices and genuinely cares about the people and families that are the attorney's clients.

At the [Ladah Law Firm](#), we pride ourselves on being reputable, experienced personal injury attorneys who will fight for your legal rights. We want to make sure you recover the compensation you deserve. We encourage you to meet with our attorneys for a free initial consultation.

Signs to Look Out for a Bad Attorney

In every profession, there are good and bad professionals. And unfortunately, the field of law is no different. While there are numerous reputable, experienced attorneys throughout Las Vegas and Nevada, there are also a number of inexperienced, unprofessional, and bad lawyers. When seeking legal representation, it may be difficult to identify these bad lawyers, but there are certain signs that you can look for. These include:

- The attorney will promise to win your case or will guarantee that you can recover a certain amount of money;
- The attorney does not explain the entire legal process to you before you become a client;
- The attorney does not have significant experience practicing in the particular area of law and represents clients in a variety of matters;
- The attorney does not keep you updated regarding the case status;
- The attorney regularly fails to communicate with you throughout your case;
- The attorney has received negative reviews from previous clients; and
- The attorney is not respected by other members in the legal community, including judges or opposing counsel.

These are just a few signs that you should look out for when deciding on an attorney.



Contact Our Respected, Experienced Accident Attorneys

If you are looking for an experienced, respected Las Vegas personal injury attorney, look no further. The [Ladah Law Firm](#) employs a team of Las Vegas personal injury attorneys who have experience in prosecuting all types of personal injury claims. From hotel injuries to public transportation accidents, our attorneys have the experience and knowledge to help you protect your legal rights. What's more, our attorneys will fight for your rights to make sure that you recover the compensation you deserve.

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HOW TO OBTAIN AN INCIDENT REPORT AFTER AN ACCIDENT IN LAS VEGAS



If you are involved [in a car accident](#) that results in injury to you or another person or property, you should contact local authorities to report the accident. As a legal matter, you have an obligation to report car accidents in Nevada resulting in injuries, fatalities, or property damage. As a practical matter, reporting an accident to the authorities can help you process an insurance claim and can be used in legal proceedings to protect your rights. Furthermore, you should make a report in the event of other personal injuries, such as

[in the case of a dog bite](#) or a slip and fall accident.

What Information is Included in an Incident Report?

The type of information that will be included in an incident report one will vary slightly with each type of accident. The information in a car accident report will differ slightly from the information included in a slip and fall accident report. Notably, however, certain information is included in most incident reports. This includes:

- The names of the parties involved in the accident;
- A description of the accident with a possible picture of the accident;
- Witnesses to the accident;
- Statements from individuals involved in the accident or witnesses;
- A finding of possible liability, including possible fines or citations; and
- The name of the officer who completed the report with badge identification number.

Importantly, if the police are not contacted at the time of the accident, you can also file a police report after the accident. Depending on the type of the report, you may be able to file a police report over the phone when [calling the non-emergency number \(311\)](#), or [\(702\) 828-3111](#). Or a report may also be filed at Police Records Bureau, located at 400 S. Martin L. King Blvd., Building C.

How to Obtain a Las Vegas Incident Report

After the incident report is completed, you will want to obtain a copy of the report. Your insurance company will want this report to help process a claim. What's more, you may

also use this report in support of a lawsuit against another party to hold them liable for your injuries. When requesting an accident report, the following information is needed:

- Event number, if available;
- Location (including cross streets);
- Date and time of accident;
- Name (first and last) of party(ies) involved; and
- License plate number of the vehicle(s) in accident, if known.

To obtain a copy of an accident report, you can request a copy by sending a request via letter or by picking it up at the Police Records Bureau. If sending a request by mail, you will need [to include](#):

- Original notarized authorization of a copy of your driver's license (or other government issued identification. The date must not be expired.);
- A return addressed envelope; and
- \$9.00 (cashier's check or money order payable to Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. You should not send personal checks or cash.).

When submitting a request by mail, you should [send the request](#) to Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Attn: Correspondence Section, 400 S. Martin Luther King Boulevard, Building C, Las Vegas, NV 89106



Contact an Accident Attorney at the Ladah Law Firm for Legal Advice

If you have questions about incident reports or how to obtain one, the personal injury attorneys at the [Ladah Law Firm](#) can help. The Las Vegas personal injury attorneys at the [Ladah Law Firm](#) have experience in helping individuals in all types of personal injury accidents, including premises liability and motor vehicle accidents.

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IMPORTANT DO'S & DON'T'S WITH THE INSURANCE COMPANY AFTER YOUR INJURY IN VEGAS

If you are involved in an accident, you will likely find yourself having to deal with [auto insurance companies in Las Vegas](#) in order to recover compensation for [your injury](#) or property. You may file a claim with your insurance company or may file a claim with the insurance company of the individual who caused the accident. Regardless, whenever dealing with an insurance company and adjuster, you should be cognizant that certain types of information and documents should be disclosed, while others should not.

Importantly, there is a dichotomy of interests involved in an insurance claim. On one side, the insurance company and adjuster wants to pay as little for a claim as possible or nothing at all. For this reason, the insurance company will often look for certain information or documents that are adverse to an injured person's claim. On the other hand, the injured person wants to recover as much compensation for the injuries and property damage. These two divergent interests often place the insurance company and the injured victim at odds during the process.

As such, it is important to have an experienced personal injury attorney represent you following the accident and through the insurance claim process. The experienced [Las Vegas personal injury accident attorneys](#) at the [Ladah Law Firm](#) can help.

What to do With an Insurance Company Following an Accident

To recover compensation from an insurance company, you must file a claim and work with an insurance adjuster. The insurance adjuster will investigate the claim and calculate a value for the claim, if any. In order to do this, however, the insurance company will need to obtain certain information and documents, including:

- Information regarding the accident, including, date, time and location of the accident;
- Names of parties involved and any witnesses;
- Insurance policies of individuals involved in the accident; and
- Police report, including name of law enforcement agency with responding officer's badge number.

The insurance adjuster will need this basic information to investigate the claim and to determine the value of your claim.

What Not to do With an Insurance Company Following an Accident

As discussed in the introduction, the insurance company and the injured victim often have different interests with respect to the processing of an insurance claim. Therefore, it is important to be prudent with the type of information and documents that you provide to an insurance company and adjuster. Notably, an injured individual should:

- Limit the amount of conversations with the insurance company, especially without a representative attorney;
- Not go into significant detail regarding the events and circumstances surrounding the accident;
- Not settle a claim quickly, especially without first speaking to an attorney. The insurance company may want to press an injured victim into settling quickly without sufficient time to review the claim or injuries; and
- Not sign any documents admitting liability or waiving rights to pursue any claims. Also, do not give any statements under oath or recorded statements.

If you have any questions regarding what to disclose or what not to disclose to an insurance company, an experienced accident attorney can answer your questions.



The Ladah Law Firm Can Help

If you have been injured in an accident, you need to reach out to an experienced accident attorney, even before contacting the insurance company. The [Las Vegas personal injury attorneys](#) at the [Ladah Law Firm](#) can help you through the insurance process to ensure that your legal rights are protected.

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If you are in an accident where someone suffers an injury or dies then the accident [must be reported](#) to the nearest office of a police authority or of the Nevada Highway Patrol. Once called, the authorities will arrive [at the scene of a Las Vegas car accident](#) and render any necessary aid to injured victims. Following this, the responding officer will investigate the accident to determine what happened, how the accident occurred, and who may be liable. Notably, the responding officer will speak with the parties involved in the accident to answer these questions.



It is important to understand that an officer may be called to the scene of various types of accidents. As such, if you have been injured in a slip and fall, or even [assaulted at a Vegas night club](#), be prepared to talk to a law enforcement officer.

Tips When Speaking With an Officer at an Accident

If you are involved in an accident and find yourself responding to questions from an officer, it is important that you do not provide any more information than is absolutely necessary. Providing too much information may hinder your ability to recover compensation under an insurance policy or limit your legal rights to go after other individuals involved in the accident. In this regard, it is important to keep the following considerations in mind when providing information to a responding officer:

- Do not admit liability to the officer or other individuals at the accident. In addition, do not sign any documents admitting fault for the accident;
- Provide the officer with your name, address, driver's license, insurance information, and vehicle information, including make, model, color, and license plate number;
- Provide the officer with information that may help facilitate the investigation, such as any possible witnesses to the accident;
- If you are asked a question and do not know the answer, do not try to guess or speculate. It is simply better to say that "I do not remember" or "I do not know."
- Do not lie to a police officer. Lying to a police officer can lead to possible criminal penalties; and
- Ask that the officer take pictures to document the accident scene, including property damage and the surrounding accident scene.

Keeping these tips in mind, you can help protect your legal rights in an accident. At the same time, you can facilitate an officer's investigation into an accident.

Tips When an Officer Does Not Respond to an Accident

Often an officer will not respond to an accident. The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department has stated that it will [not respond](#) to a motor vehicle accident if there are no injuries reported at the scene. As such, in these circumstances, there will be no officer to complete an accident report. It therefore is up to the individuals involved in the accident to gather the necessary information and documentation that will be submitted to the insurance company.

Following the accident, drivers should exchange their names, contact information, and insurance information. What's more, the drivers should document information concerning the accident, including how the accident may have happened and who may have been at fault. Importantly, drivers should take as many pictures as possible following the accident, including documenting the surrounding environment and any property damage. Furthermore, if the accident results in property damage of more than \$750, bodily injury or death, then the accident must be reported to the Nevada DMV. [A Report of Traffic Accident](#) must be completed, including driver vehicle information, accident description, property damage, estimate of repairs, and personal injury.



Have You Been Involved in an Accident? Contact a Las Vegas Personal Injury Attorney

If you have been injured as a result of another person's negligence, the personal injury attorneys at the [Ladah Law Firm](#) can help. Our Las Vegas accident attorneys have experience helping accident victims in all types of situations, including product liability claims, premises liability accidents, and motor vehicle crashes. From negotiating with the insurance company to litigating a personal injury lawsuit, we will fight for your rights. Importantly, we have a no recovery, no fee policy, which means you don't owe us anything unless we are able to recover compensation on your behalf.

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From slip-and-fall accidents to motor vehicles, to even [mistakes in the emergency room](#), accidents such as these are among the leading causes of injuries across the United States. Injuries suffered in these accidents can be all the more devastating when the injured individual fails to visit a medical professional to diagnose and treat the injuries. It is important to see a medical professional after an accident, even if you don't think there are any injuries, as many injuries may not appear until days or even weeks later. What's more, seeing a medical professional is also important

in order to recover compensation from the insurance company or to obtain damages in a civil lawsuit.

What to Discuss with your Medical Professional

When visiting a medical professional to diagnose and treat your injuries, you should understand the dos and don'ts of what should be discussed with the doctor. Most importantly, you should tell the doctor every symptom that you have experienced after the accident. Even if the symptom does not appear harmful, it is still important to disclose everything possible injury or symptom, including emotional stress.

In addition, it is important to discuss the details of the accident and how it happened. For example, letting the doctor know where you were located in the car during an accident can help the doctor locate possible injuries and symptoms.

What Not to Discuss with your Medical Professional

While you should feel open to discuss injuries and symptoms with the medical professional, there are certain topics that should not be discussed with the doctor. Even though there is a doctor-patient privilege that prevents the disclosure of most information discussed, certain information and topics are exempt from this privilege. Under [Nevada law](#) (*1), information "relevant to an issue of the condition of the patient in any proceeding in which the condition is an element of a claim or defense" is not privileged and is subject to disclosure. As such, if a patient admits to drinking while driving to the doctor then that information may be subject to disclosure in a court proceeding. Therefore, you should not discuss any actions with a medical provider that may admit liability.

Furthermore, you should not sign any document that allows disclosure of your medical records to third parties, such as the insurance adjuster. Also, you should not give verbal permission. If you have any questions regarding what to discuss with a medical professional, the Las Vegas accident attorneys at the [Ladah Law Firm](#) can answer your questions.



Seek Legal Advice from the Las Vegas Accident Attorneys at Our Firm

If you have been in an accident resulting in [broken bones](#) (*2) or other injuries, our Las Vegas personal injury attorneys can help you recover compensation for your injuries. The accident attorneys at the [Ladah Law Firm](#) will fight for your rights. We want to make sure that you and your family recover the compensation you deserve to protect your present and your plan for future.

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IMPORTANT RECORD KEEPING DO'S & DON'T'S AFTER YOUR INJURY IN VEGAS

Accidents unfortunately happen every day throughout the United States, including motor vehicle, public transportation, and premises liability accidents. Las Vegas is no different, and these types of accidents occur on a daily basis throughout the city. Depending on the type and severity, an accident can cause significant injuries or fatalities, as well as property damage.

Following any accident, many people suffer shock and do not know what to do in order to protect their rights. One of the most important steps that anyone can take is to properly document the accident and the subsequent events following the accident. Collecting this information can help the insurance company process a claim, facilitate settlement negotiations, and protect your legal rights in the event of a lawsuit.

Information to Collect Following an Accident

Depending on the type of accident, there may be certain documents that you should collect. Generally, however, after any accident, you should collect the following documents and information:

- Police report containing the date and location of the accident, the individuals involved, and the name and badge number of the officer;
- Any tickets given related to the accident;
- Names and contact information of individuals involved in the accident;
- Names and contact information of any witnesses to the accident;
- Any statements from individuals taken at the time of the accident or following the accident;
- Photographs of the accident scene;
- Copy of your insurance policy;
- Medical records and billing information relating to treatment received, diagnoses, and medication;
- Documentation confirming your proof of income, such as pay stubs or direct deposits;
- Documentation for any property damage; and
- Accident diary or journal to detail any injuries suffered from the accident and the pain and suffering caused by the accident.

Depending on the type of accident, it may be necessary to obtain additional information. For example, if you suffer an injury at a hotel or casino, it is important to identify all parties responsible for the condition of the property, including the hotel owner and any contractors. Obtaining this documentation and information following any accident will

help process the insurance claim and can be used in court to support your legal claims and rights.

What Information to Disclose and Not to Disclose

Importantly, following an accident, certain information should and should not be disclosed to other parties, including the insurance company or other individuals involved in the accident. As an initial matter, all of this information and documentation should be provided to your attorney so the attorney has as much information as possible. Notably, it is important to provide the insurance company with information and documentation to facilitate the processing of the claim. In this regard, you should provide any police report, the names of individuals involved in the accident, the names of any witnesses, documentation relating to injuries and property damage, and photographs of the accident scene.

Not all information and documentation obtained following an accident, however, should be disclosed. In particular, any communications with an attorney should not be disclosed to the insurance company or anyone, unless the attorney recommends disclosure or a court order compels disclosure. What's more, you should not disclose any information or documents to other parties involved in the accident, unless your attorney recommends disclosure.

If you have questions regarding what information to collect and disclose following an accident, an experienced [Nevada injury lawyer](#) at the [Ladah Law Firm](#) can help.



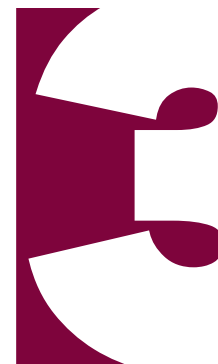
Injured in an Accident? Contact the Las Vegas Accident Attorneys at Our Firm

If you have suffered an accident and don't know what to do, an experienced Las Vegas Accident attorney can help you with this process. At the [Ladah Law Firm](#), our Las Vegas accident attorneys have extensive experience helping individuals in numerous types of accidents. From hotel or casino injuries to car accidents, our Las Vegas accident attorneys will help protect your legal rights and make sure that you recover the compensation you deserve.

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TYPICAL TIMELINE OF EVENTS AFTER BEING INJURED IN LAS VEGAS



No one ever expects an accident, and it can happen in an instant. However, the timeline of events after being injured in an accident can take place over a much longer period of time. It is important to understand the various aspects of your case and what steps are necessary to get to a settled claim. [Ladah Law Firm](#) attorneys are skilled at personal injury law and are here to help you through every step of your claim.

Immediately Following an Accident

If you have been injured in an accident, the most important thing for you to do immediately afterwards is seek medical attention. Regardless of whether it was a car, truck, or motorcycle accident, slip and fall, trip and fall, dog bite, or any other type of accident, you need to be checked out by a medical professional right away. Even if you do not believe that you are seriously injured, a doctor can properly document your injuries at the time of the accident so that later on you know that you are getting fully compensated for your claims.

Days Following an Accident

In the days following an accident, you need to seek out an experienced and knowledgeable personal injury attorney who has a proven track record of handling these types of claims. [After contacting a qualified car accident lawyer](#), the law firm will begin its own independent investigation into your accident. Most personal injury law firms have private investigators on staff or at their immediate disposal to investigate your side of the story. They will revisit the scene of the accident, take witness statements, record the scene and injuries with photo and video, follow up with police reports, review documents, and more.

Investigating the accident independently ensures that the insurance company is not minimizing details of the accidents or withholding information that could result in more compensation for your injuries. You can also help in this aspect of the case by telling your attorney everything that you remember about the accident, and try not to leave out any details about what you recall. For example, [if you injure yourself on a wet floor](#), attempt to include all information about the location of the accident, the time of day, and everything else you remember. Your attorney will also review all pertinent medical records, which is why seeing a doctor immediately after an accident and going to any necessary follow-up appointments are both important steps.

Weeks Following an Accident

Once the research and independent investigation into your accident is complete, your attorney will begin negotiations with the liable party and their insurance company for a full and fair settlement of your claims. Typically, this begins with your attorney making an initial demand to the insurance company and beginning the negotiation process.

A demand is not usually sent out until you have reached [maximum medical improvement](#), which is why it may take weeks or months to reach this step in the case. This point of recovery is important because it informs your attorney of the maximum amount of compensation that you are owed. If the demand is sent early, you will not be fully compensated for your claims.

It is also at this point that your attorney will attempt to come to a full and fair settlement with the insurance company for your injuries. If an agreement can be reached between you, your lawyer, and the insurance company then the case ends here. If settlement terms are not agreed to, the case moves on to the next step in the timeline.

Months to Two Years Following the Accident

If negotiations fail between your attorney and the insurance company, then the case will move on to trial. In Nevada, an injured person has two years from the date of the accident to file a lawsuit in court. After the lawsuit is filed, the case moves into the [discovery process](#). During this time, attorneys on each side of the case investigate the other's claims. This includes answering written questions, called interrogatories, releasing medical records, answering questions in person, called depositions, and more. Discovery can take anywhere between six months to one year, depending on the complexity of the case.

Once the discovery period ends, the lawyers will typically begin another round of negotiation before the trial starts. At this point, both sides of the case have the full facts that will be released at trial as well as have a full understanding of both fault and total damages. The majority of cases that are not settled in the first round of negotiations are typically settled with a full and fair settlement in this round of negotiations. However, if a settlement cannot be reached, then the case moves to trial.

More than Two Years Following the Accident

If the second round of negotiation fails, your personal injury case will move onto trial. Personal injury cases typically last a couple of days to a week or more in trial, depending again on the complexity of the case. Both sides have the opportunity to present their evidence to a jury, and the jury will then decide liability in addition to the possible damages in the case. Except in very specialized circumstances, a jury's ruling is binding, even if it is not favorable to the injured person. It is at this point that the timeline of the personal injury case ends.



Call Our Office Now

[Call the office](#) or [contact us today in Las Vegas](#) for a free and confidential review of your personal injury claims. Our attorneys at [Ladach Law Firm](#) are knowledgeable in all kinds of personal injury cases and can help you get full compensation for your case.

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HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO DETERMINE IF I HAVE A CASE AFTER AN ACCIDENT IN LAS VEGAS

People are injured every day, but not all accidents are viable personal injury cases in the eyes of the law. It can take time to determine whether a case exists after an accident that is dependent on the facts of the case, the types of injuries, and the parties involved. [Ladah Law Firm](#) knows what types of facts make up a good personal injury case and can quickly determine whether your claims are compensable in a Nevada court for your [injuries sustained while visiting Las Vegas](#).



Determining a Traffic Accident Case

Usually, it does not take long to determine whether a case exists after a traffic accident. In almost every case, your lawyer will interview you regarding your memories of the accident and will perform a cursory review of your case. This may include a quick visit to the scene of the accident in addition to review of the police and witness statements to determine the liability and damages involved in the case.

Determining a Premises Liability Case

Determining the viability of a premises liability case is a fairly straightforward process. Your attorney will conduct interviews regarding your recollection of events and may conduct a brief investigation of the premises where the accident took place. However, sometimes this process can take longer if the owner of the premises decides to be difficult and make it harder for an investigation to take place.

Determining a Wrongful Death Case

A wrongful death lawsuit typically takes the longest time period to determine. This is because outside entities such as the police, workplace agencies, government organizations, and others fully investigate all accidents that result in a death, which can take weeks, months, or even years to complete. In addition, criminal charges may be brought against a liable party that can help determine whether a viable wrongful death case exists.



Our Attorneys Can Help

The immediate aftermath of an accident can be a very confusing time, but the personal injury attorneys at [Ladah Law Firm](#) in Nevada are here to help. [Call the office](#) or [contact us today](#) for a private and free review of your case to determine if you have a viable claim for compensation. [Our track record](#) is superb, and our office has helped clients in Las Vegas, Clark County, and the surrounding area with their personal injury needs.

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WHAT DAMAGES ARE POSSIBLE TO RECOVER AFTER BEING INJURED



Most people that are involved in a personal injury accident are unaware of the full scope of damages that they can collect for their claims. As a result, insurance companies are able to take advantage of these people and offer them settlements that are worth far less than what they are truly owed for their injuries. Skilled personal injury attorneys never settle for anything less than the full and fair compensation owed to their clients for their injuries and are here to help.

1. Compensation for Your Injuries

The total amount of [compensation](#) (1) in any personal injury case can typically be generalized into a few different categories: medical, employment, personal, and familial. These damages vary depending upon the type of personal injury accident, the facts of the case, and any circumstances that may affect your compensation.

Medical Compensation

This type of compensation refers to all medical expenses that occurred as a result of the accident. These damages include:

- Present and future medical bills;
- Rehabilitation;
- Transportation to and from medical professionals; and
- Medical equipment.

Employment Compensation

This type of compensation refers to any money that was lost in the course of employment because of the accident. These damages include:

- Lost wages; and
- Disability payments.

Personal Compensation

This type of compensation is meant to make up for any personal loss suffered as a result

of the accident. These damages include:

- Scarring and disfigurement;
- Pain and suffering;
- Loss of enjoyment of life; and
- Property damage.

Familial Compensation

This type of compensation mainly applies in wrongful death cases, but it can also apply in other types of personal injury claims. These damages include:

- Emotional distress;
- Loss of consortium;
- Wrongful death; and
- Funeral costs.

However, this list is not comprehensive of all types of damages that can be collected from a personal injury claim. Any reasonable costs resulting from the accident can be collected as compensation for someone that has been hurt in a personal injury accident.

2. Circumstances that Affect Compensation

There are certain circumstances that can affect the amount of compensation collected for a personal injury case, regardless of whether the claims are actually worth more. One of the biggest deterrents to full compensation is failing to see a medical professional immediately following an accident. Failing to establish a baseline of injury can seriously diminish a personal injury claim and may be perceived to others as though you were not as seriously injured as you claim.

Other circumstances that affect compensation for your claim include the types of medical treatment prescribed for your injuries, the amount of time spent seeing doctors or in the hospital, the length of the recovery period, the effect on your job, and any other distress caused by the accident. These circumstances can increase or decrease the total amount of your damages in a personal injury case.

Another circumstance that can affect compensation in a personal injury case is the amount of shared fault for the accident. Nevada law applies a [“modified comparative fault”](#) (2) rule to personal injury cases. This means that the court apportions your damages by the percentage that you were not at fault for the accident. However, if the court deems that you are 50 percent or more at fault, then you collect nothing for your claims. For example, imagine that you are injured in an accident and have \$100,000 in damages. If the court finds you 30 percent at fault then you get to collect 70 percent of your damages, or \$70,000. However, if the court finds that you are 60 percent at fault, you collect nothing.



3. Our Personal Injury Attorneys Are Here

It is vitally important that you are fully compensated for your personal injury claims after an accident in order to help you recover from your injuries. [Call us](#) or [contact a local today for experienced personal injury attorneys](#) that will fight to ensure positive [accident case results](#). Our [clients know](#) we are prepared to help immediately.

- (1) http://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/resources/law_issues_for_consumers/personalinjury.html
- (2) <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-041.html#NRS041Sec141>

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WHAT TO EXPECT AT A LAS VEGAS INJURY TRIAL?

While the [large majority of personal injury cases settle](#) out of court, you may need to go to trial if you are unable to reach a favorable agreement via settlement negotiations. Going to trial may seem intimidating, however, the process does not have to be daunting if you are represented by an experienced [personal injury trial attorney](#) who knows how to fully prepare you for court. You may not have to attend all court dates, such as evidentiary hearings or similar matters that may be handled by your attorney, but in most cases it is important that you attend your trial. If you do not attend your trial, it will be difficult for a jury to grasp the extent of your injuries or the importance of an adequate financial award to your well-being.



Will you have to testify?

It is not always necessary for a plaintiff to testify at a personal injury trial. However, if fault in the accident is contested or there is a question regarding the full effects of your injuries, it will be important that you take the witness stand and tell your side of the story to the jury. A skilled attorney will have you undergo extensive preparation for your testimony so you will know what to expect and can avoid getting flustered or showing uncertainty on the stand.

Your lawyer will have you go over any notes, reports, or other documents that support your side of the story so that you can accurately and clearly articulate what happened in a consistent manner with any supporting evidence. You will also go through the questions that your attorney plans to ask you so that you are not surprised on the day of trial. Though you cannot know for sure what the defense lawyer will ask you, your attorney may try to predict certain questions so that you can practice handling potentially adversarial [cross-examination](#).

Other common preparations for trial

Your testimony is not the only thing that will have an impression on the jury as they will likely be focused on you through most of the trial. For this reason, your attorney

may prepare you on how to dress, how to act, where to go, when to arrive, and more throughout the trial process. Your personal injury lawyer should further take you step-by-step through the trial process so that you know what is coming next.

If you have suffered any type of injury in an accident, it is important that you [consult with a Las Vegas personal injury lawyer](#) who has experience in court and understands how to fully prepare a plaintiff for trial in case you are unable to settle out of court. You should never hesitate to [call a skilled car accident attorney](#) to discuss the specifics of your case.



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TYPICAL TIMING OF EVENTS IN LAS VEGAS COURT FOLLOWING YOUR ACCIDENT

After you have been injured in an accident, one of the last things that you are probably thinking about is how your personal injury case will proceed through court. However, understanding the different steps and timing involved in a personal injury case can better prepare you for what is ahead and not add any more stress to this difficult time. The personal injury attorneys at [Ladah Law Firm](#) understand this complex process and are here to help you navigate through the legal process of your claims.

Filing of the Lawsuit

Under Nevada law, if you have been injured in an accident you have two years from the date of the incident to file a lawsuit in civil court. If you do not file within this time period, the [statute of limitations](#) applies and you are barred from bringing a case against the responsible parties, thereby denying you compensation for your claims.

Discovery Process

Once the lawsuit has been filed in a Nevada court, the discovery process will begin. On average, the discovery period will last between six months to a year to complete. During this time, attorneys on both sides of the case will get the chance to fully investigate the claims. This investigation takes place in a variety of ways, including interrogatories, depositions, accident scene review, medical record review, witness statements, document review and more.

Interrogatories are written questions that you are required by law to answer, and depositions are in person interviews of all people involved in the case. The purpose of discovery is for both sides to have full and complete information regarding the case as well as understand everything that may be presented in front of a jury at trial.

Negotiation and Mediation

After discovery is completed by both sides, the attorneys enter into a round of negotiation and [mediation](#). This is usually the second round of negotiation that takes place during a personal injury case, with the first happening before a lawsuit is filed. However, during this round of negotiation attorneys from both sides of the case have a full set of information to use. Negotiation at this level can last for days or weeks leading up to a trial.

At this time, the court may also order the parties of the case into mediation in an attempt to resolve the situation without the need for trial. During mediation, a neutral third party

hears both sides of the case and rules on both liability and damages. The parties can either accept the ruling of the mediator or reject the decision and go to trial.

Trial

If all attempts at negotiation and mediation fail, then the personal injury case will go to trial. At trial, attorneys for all parties involved in the accident will have the opportunity to present their case to a jury. The jury then decides the percentage of liability for each party involved and the total amount of damages that should be awarded. While a lawsuit must be filed within two years of the date of the accident, the actual trial can take place months or even years after the filing of the case.

In the vast majority of cases, the jury's verdict is binding on the case and can only be overturned in a small number of specific circumstances. Once the case is finished, any compensation awarded can be collected by the entitled parties and the personal injury case is complete.



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LEGAL DEADLINES TO FOLLOW & BE AWARE OF AFTER YOUR INJURY IN VEGAS



If you have been injured in a slip and fall [or auto accident](#), you have the right to collect compensation from the person or parties involved. However, the law does not allow you to wait forever to file a lawsuit against those responsible. There are legal deadlines that you must be aware of in any personal injury or wrongful death case. At [Ladah Law Firm](#), our attorneys understand the technical legal aspects of a personal injury case and can help you through your claim.

Filing an Injury Claim

While Nevada law does not provide for a legal deadline to file an injury claim with the insurance company, the timing of this filing can have an effect on your overall case. You do not want to submit an injury claim immediately after the accident because you do not know the full extent of your injuries. However, if you wait too long after the accident to file a report with the insurance company, your claims may look suspicious.

Filing a Premises Liability Lawsuit

There is a different set of limitations that are applied to the filing of a [premises liability lawsuit](#) if the injury or wrongful death was caused by deficiencies in construction of improvements to real property. Under the law, NRS 11.202 states that an accident caused by willful conduct or fraudulent concealment has no statute of limitations that an injured person must file by in order to have a valid claim.

For injuries or death arising from known deficiencies, NRS 11.203 states that “notwithstanding the provisions of [NRS 11.190](#) . . . if an injury occurs in the tenth year after the substantial completion of such an improvement, an action for damages . . . may be commenced within two years after the date of such injury, irrespective of the date of death, but in no event may an action be commenced more than 12 years after the substantial completion of the improvement.”

If the accident was caused by latent deficiency in the property, NRS 11.204 asserts that “action for damages . . . may be commenced within two years after the date of such injury, irrespective of the date of death, but in no event may an action be commenced more

than 10 years after the substantial completion of the improvement.” Furthermore, if the accident was caused by patent deficiencies, then NRS 11.205 states that “an action for damages . . . may be commenced within two years after the date of such injury, irrespective of the date of death, but in no event may an action be commenced more than eight years after the substantial completion of the improvement.”

Gathering Information during Discovery

If your case proceeds to trial, the information gathering phase is known as the discovery period. This is a period of time set by the court that you are given to collect all of the information possible about the case. Usually, the court sets a legal deadline of six months to one year for you to interview witnesses, issues interrogatories, complete depositions, review medical records, and look at any other documents that may be relevant to your case.



Our Attorneys Are Here to Help

If you or a loved one has been injured in an auto accident or [casino accident](#) in the Las Vegas area, let the experienced personal injury attorneys at [Ladach Law Firm](#) help. [Call the office](#) or [contact us today](#) for a free and confidential consultation of your case.

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WHAT TO EXPECT THE INSURANCE COMPANY TO USE AGAINST YOU IN COURT

After suffering injury in an accident, [whether it's a truck accident \(1\)](#) or other, your claim will be assigned to an adjuster for the insurance company. The adjuster will try to minimize or eliminate the claims made by you for compensation by using certain information against you in court. An experienced personal injury attorney knows all of the tricks that an insurance adjuster might use and can protect you from receiving less than what you are owed.



1. Medical Records

One of the main documents that you can expect the insurance company to try and use against you in court are your own [medical records \(2\)](#). It is almost certain that they will do so if you do not see a medical professional immediately after the accident. The adjuster will claim that your injuries were not that severe or that the baseline of injuries are less because you did not feel the need to seek immediate medical treatment.

The adjuster may also try to claim that your injuries were actually caused by a preexisting condition and not the force of the accident. They will also look at the medications that you were taking at the time of the accident and try to use those against you, too. They will look at the length of time for your recovery, the type of recovery you showed, and argue when you actually met maximum medical improvement in order to minimize your damages.

2. Your Own Words

It is very important that you tell your attorney every detail that you remember from the accident, no matter how big or small. Furthermore, you need to be as clear as you possibly can be about the accident without exaggerating or being misleading about the facts. You must also stay consistent with your recollection, regardless of how many times you are asked to repeat it over the weeks, months, and years following the accident. If you deviate from your memories of the accident, the insurance company will try to use your own words against you. They will claim in court that you were lying, not paying attention, or exaggerating the details of what happened that day.

3. Receipts, Expense Reports, and Bills

It is very important that you keep all paperwork regarding any and all expenses incurred as a result of the accident. Hospital bills, visits to the doctor, rehabilitation, property damage receipts, pay stubs, and more should all be retained in order to prove a full and complete picture to the insurance company of your total damages. Without it, the insurance company will use the lack of evidence against you to try and prove that you should not be compensated for as much as you claim.

4. Police Reports and Witness Statements

The insurance adjuster might also try to use the police reports and other documents against you in court. They will try and twist the facts in these reports to fit their version of events in order to place you at blame for the accident. This is incredibly important to rebut in court because Nevada operates on a “modified comparative fault” rule for personal injury cases.

Under the law, the court will award injuries based on the percentage that you were not at fault. For example, if the court finds you 20 percent at fault for the accident, then you will receive 80 percent of your total damages. However, if the court finds you 50 percent or more at fault, then you will receive nothing. The insurance company will do whatever it can to try and convince the court that you were at least half at fault for the accident so that they do not need to pay a dime.



5. An Attorney Can Help

A skilled personal injury attorney will know every trick that an insurance company might try in court to minimize or eliminate the damages that you are rightfully owed from an accident. [Call us](#) or [contact an attorney today](#) for a confidential and free review of your case. We have helped personal injury and wrongful death victims in Las Vegas, Clark County, and the surrounding area with their legal needs and can help you, too.

(1) <http://healthit.gov/patients-families/maintain-your-medical-record>

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WAITING TO MOVE ON WITH LIFE AFTER BEING INJURED

[If you've suffered a head injury](#) or other type of injury and have initiated a personal injury case, you may get stuck in limbo waiting for your case to proceed. You should always keep in mind things you may want to do during this time to take your mind off your injury and help your situation.

Focus on your recovery

Once a personal injury case has been started on your behalf, there will often be a substantial waiting period until your case is completed. During this time, your attorney will be conducting investigation, gathering evidence, making sure all court deadlines and [procedural requirements](#) are met, and negotiating with the other party for a favorable settlement offer. This is the time period in which you should be focusing on your physical, mental, and emotional health following your injuries. Take this time to complete your treatments and find out ways you can speed up your recovery so that you may return to life as you knew it as soon as possible.

Take steps to improve your financial situation

You may be facing a pile of medical bills due to your head [or brain injury](#) and may have lost income due to missed work during your recovery, so it may be important to take steps to gain control of your finances before you receive your personal injury settlement or award. If you are unable to work due to a disabling injury, you should look into taking steps to apply for [Social Security Disability benefits](#). You should also keep all of your financial records in order so that you can prove your injury-related losses more easily.

Return to regular life

As soon as you are able, you should ease back into your previous daily activities. If you have new physical or mental limitations, you should work to relearn how to go about enjoying everyday life. A personal injury case can take time to complete, so you should not put your entire life on hold to wait for the results.



Talk to your attorney about other steps you can take to help your case

Depending on the circumstances of your particular injury, there may be ways that you can help your case while you wait. This may include taking notes regarding your condition, keeping a journal of your pain levels from day to day, regularly seeing a doctor, and more. [Speak to your personal injury lawyer](#) to find out if there are ways to help your case while you wait for it to proceed.

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5 WAYS TO SPEED UP RECOVERY AFTER AN ACCIDENT



Car accidents can leave victims with horrible whiplash [or broken bones](#), as well as mental and emotional trauma. Fortunately, there are steps you can take to speed up your recovery [from any personal injury](#) and limit the effects of these injuries on your life. The following are five examples of ways to heal from your injuries as soon as possible.

1. Seek a thorough medical evaluation

You should always go to the emergency room or schedule an appointment with your doctor as soon as possible after a car accident. The sooner your injuries are properly diagnosed, the sooner you can begin treatment and physical healing. Some injuries, such as [traumatic brain injuries](#) (1) or soft tissue injuries, may be serious but may be hard for you to recognize. The symptoms may be mistaken for fatigue, soreness, or other residual effect of a car accident when, in reality, you require treatment for a serious injury. For this reason, a medical professional should always evaluate you following an accident to identify any possible injuries that need to be addressed.

2. Undergo all recommended treatment

If you are diagnosed with an injury, it is furthermore extremely important for you to go through with the treatment recommended by your medical professional. Too many people feel overwhelmed by the amount of treatment needed or do not want to spend the time visiting specialists or physical therapy. However, you should always listen to your doctor when it comes to necessary treatment to speed up your recovery as much as possible. Additionally, if your doctor recommends that you take time off work and rest to recover, you should listen and should not return to regular activities too soon.

3. Seek out all necessary rehabilitative therapy

Many car accident victims require different types of rehabilitative therapy to properly heal and return to their everyday lives. Physical therapy is usually necessary for neck, back, and other soft tissue injuries. For some seriously injured patients, spending time in an

assisted living therapy center may be required. Victims with traumatic brain injuries and similar conditions may require occupational therapy to relearn basic life skills. If you have suffered a permanent disability in your accident, you may require therapy and assistance to figure out new ways to go about daily life with your disability.

4. Speak to a mental health professional

Physical injuries are often accompanied by the development of mental health conditions or emotional distress. Your mental and emotional problems may stem from the trauma of the accident itself and manifest as [post-traumatic stress disorder \(PTSD\)](#) (2) or similar conditions that can be debilitating and have serious symptoms. Additionally, physical limitations or disfigurements can lead to depression and other psychological conditions that require proper treatment.

5. Consult with an experienced personal injury lawyer

After an accident, it is only natural that you may feel overwhelmed with all of your injuries, medical appointments, therapy, and other obligations. Additionally, you will likely have serious financial concerns due to medical expenses, lost income from missed work, damage to your vehicle, and other losses caused by the accident. An experienced [personal injury attorney](#) can often help to relieve some of this stress by advising you of your legal rights to financial recovery from the party responsible for your accident. If the idea of a legal case stresses you out even more, rest assured that a skilled attorney will provide you with individual attention, keep you apprised of your case, and will navigate the legal waters on your behalf so that you can focus on your physical, emotional, and mental recovery.

- (1) <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/traumaticbraininjury.html>
- (2) <http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/post-traumatic-stress-disorder/basics/definition/con-20022540>



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PAYING MEDICAL BILLS WHILE FILING A CLAIM

If you [suffer an injury due to another party's negligence](#), you have the right to recover for your injury-related losses by filing a personal injury claim in civil court. However, claims can take some time to investigate, file, settle, or argue at trial if necessary. During this process, you will likely require a significant amount of medical treatment for your injuries that can result in extensive medical bills. Medical costs for emergency treatment, hospitalization, surgeries, medical equipment, rehabilitative therapies, and other needed care can quickly climb into the tens of thousands of dollars in many cases and your medical providers will bill these expenses to you. So it is only natural to wonder: how will you pay these bills while you wait for your personal injury settlement or award?



Fortunately, there are some options to help you cover these expenses until your claim is finalized and an experienced Las Vegas personal injury attorney can provide valuable advice regarding paying medical bills during a personal injury case.

Medical payments coverage

Medical payments--commonly referred to as "med-pay"--is an optional type of coverage under your auto insurance policy that can be extremely important to cover your medical expenses in the event of an accident. This type of coverage is no-fault, meaning it will cover your medical bills whether you or another party caused your accident. Even more favorably, med-pay policies have no right of subrogation under [Nevada laws](#), which means companies cannot ask for reimbursement for the expenses paid once you receive your settlement or award from your personal injury claim. If you do have med-pay coverage, it can be a highly important tool to cover medical expenses while filing a claim. If you do not have this type of coverage, it is advisable to look into securing a policy before an accident and injuries occur.

Personal health insurance

If you do not have med-pay coverage when you are injured, you can turn to your personal health insurance policy to cover the majority of your expenses. Depending on your policy,

you may have to pay a deductible, co-pays, or other out-of-pocket expenses for your treatment. You can get compensated for these out-of-pocket expenses as part of your settlement. However, your health insurance company is entitled to subrogation, which means it will likely seek compensation for the expenses that it covered once you receive your financial recovery. Despite this subrogation, your insurance can provide assistance in covering your medical expenses while you wait for the legal process to be resolved. Furthermore, your insurance may be able to get discounted rates on medical treatments so that they will not collect the full cost of what your treatment may have been if you had paid out of your own pocket.



Call a qualified Las Vegas personal injury lawyer for a free consultation today

At the [Ladah Law Firm](#) in Las Vegas, our dedicated [personal injury attorneys](#) know how to advise clients facing payment of medical bills and how to come up with creative solutions to help them cover those bills until their case is settled. If you do not have adequate insurance coverage, we can help you with medical liens or other solutions that may be available in your particular situation. We always offer [free consultations](#) and are here to evaluate your case and stand up for your rights as an injured victims. Please do not hesitate to call for help at [702-389-6464](tel:702-389-6464) today.

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HOW AND WHY TO APPLY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY AFTER AN ACCIDENT



Many types of accidents can cause injuries that result in temporary or permanent disabilities that prevent you from working for a period of time. Fortunately, Social Security Disability benefits are available for qualifying individuals to help provide financial support for injured accident victims.

SSDI can help while you are waiting for your personal injury case

Many injuries suffered in accidents can prevent a victim from returning to work either temporarily or permanently due to resulting disabilities. Some common injuries that may result in disabilities include traumatic brain injury (TBI), spinal cord injury, compound breaks or fractures, herniated discs or other back injuries, serious burns, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), among many others. Though many of these injuries occur as a result of car or truck accidents, individuals may sustain disabling injuries as result of falls, dog bites, electrocutions, pedestrian accidents, and many other types of incidents caused by the negligence of others. In such situations, it is likely that you are pursuing a personal injury case against the responsible party to recover for all of your losses including medical bills, lost wages, pain and suffering, and more. However, these cases may take some time to complete and you may struggle financially if you are unable to work. By applying for Social Security Disability as soon as possible, you can hopefully get approved for monthly benefits that can help you support yourself and your family while you wait for your personal injury settlement or award.

Seek assistance with the Nevada application process

In order to qualify for Social Security Disability benefits in Nevada, you must have a qualifying disability that will prevent you from working for at least 12 months. Additionally, you must correctly complete the entire application process. This process can be complicated and confusing, so it is always wise to have the assistance of an experienced Nevada SSDI attorney helping you with your application. The application process requires many steps, including providing all of your medical records and thorough information regarding your disability. Once you submit your application, it will be reviewed by a

disability examiner who is employed by the [Nevada Bureau of Disability Adjudication \(BDA\)](#). (1) Unlike in most states, Nevada law does not require that a claims examiner consult with a medical professional prior to denying or approving a claim. While this speeds up the decision-making process, it also means that it is vital that your application include all relevant and accurate information regarding your disability to improve your chances at approval.

Follow through with any necessary appeals

[Only about one-third of all SSDI applications in Nevada](#) (2) get approved on the first try. This means that the large majority of applicants will have to go through the appeals process in order to receive benefits. There are different levels of appeals, including requesting reconsideration of your application and having a [hearing before an Administrative Law Judge \(ALJ\)](#). (3) It is imperative that you have the representation of an experienced attorney who understands the appeals process and can increase your chances of winning your ALJ hearing. Wait times for hearings in Nevada are often over 300 days, so you always want to initiate the application process as soon as possible because your benefits may be delayed if your case requires a hearing. The ALJ appeals have specific legal requirements, as you must meet a certain standard in order for the claims examiner's decision to be overturned. A lawyer who understands these legal standards will be able to craft skillful arguments and present evidence of your disability in a way that will significantly increase your chances of a final approval for SSDI.

Your SSDI application may help your personal injury claim

Social Security Disability benefits can provide valuable financial assistance if you cannot work while you wait for your personal injury case to be completed. However, many people do not realize that a successful SSDI application can actually help your personal injury claim in many instances. The claims examiners at the BDA have high standards for what they consider to be a disabling injury. If they believe you are truly disabled and award you benefits, it could add legitimacy to your claims regarding the serious effect of your injury on your life. A successful disability application can be persuasive to an adverse party and could lead them to settle for a favorable amount, or could have significant weight with a jury if your case goes to trial. In addition to potentially helping your case, receiving monthly Social Security Disability benefits can relieve financial stress while you wait for your settlement or award. For these reasons, you should never hesitate to [discuss a possible SSDI application with us](#), because we're an [injury firm you can count on](#) and we are careful and caring in the [way we treat our clients](#).

- (1) <http://detr.state.nv.us/rehab%20pages/disability%20adjudication.htm>
- (2) <http://www.ssdfacts.com/nevada#Summary>
- (3) http://www.socialsecurity.gov/appeals/hearing_process.html



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WHAT AM I FORGETTING WHILE I'M WAITING TO COMPLETE MY INJURY CASE?

Once a personal injury case gets underway following an accident, you could have a substantial waiting period ahead of you before you receive your settlement or award. During this time, there are important [steps to take immediately after an auto accident](#) to help yourself and your case.

Document all communications with the adverse insurance company

If you are asserting that your accident and injury resulted from another party's negligence, chances are high that the party's insurance company will attempt to contact you multiple times. Often, the insurer will make settlement offers that are entirely too low because they do not sufficiently take into account all of your accident-related losses such as pain and suffering. Additionally, an insurance agent may try to get you to make a recorded statement of your version of events. While the agent may claim to only want to help you, the company can use any statements against you to limit the amount they offer to you. For this reason, you should never give a recorded statement without the counsel of an experienced personal injury attorney.

In addition to being careful of what you say to an adverse insurer, you should also document every time the insurance company tries to contact you, what they say, and the amount of any settlements they may offer. Such documentation may play an important role in your personal injury case.

Keep notes regarding your pain levels

While damages for medical bills and lost income are relatively simple to calculate and prove, proving an adequate amount of [noneconomic damages](#) (1) is significantly more complex. This is because noneconomic damages are for intangible losses that can be difficult to accurately measure, such as pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, and emotional distress. Keeping a journal of the nature and severity of your pain, how the pain is affecting your life, and your overall mood regarding your injuries can serve as extremely [helpful evidence](#) (2) of your noneconomic damages.

Note any changes in your condition and report them to your doctor

Your medical records will reflect the nature of your injuries at the time of your initial diagnosis following an accident. However, injuries can often change and different complications can arise while you wait for your personal injury case to be completed. It is important that you note all changes in your physical and mental condition and all necessary treatments that you must undergo as a result. If your condition worsens or changes, you should visit the emergency room or doctor so that they can prescribe any new treatment and can document the changes in your injuries in your medical records.

Continue to pursue all necessary treatment

Even if your condition seems to be improving, you should always complete all courses of treatment advised by your doctor. If you quit treatment, it may be used against you as evidence that your injuries or pain levels were not as severe as you claimed. Additionally, if you prevail in your personal injury case, you will receive compensation for all of the costs of treatment, so you should never quit treatment due to financial concerns.

Provide all relevant information to your attorney

While you are waiting on your claim, you should listen to information from an [injury attorney in Vegas](#) and report any relevant information regarding a worsening injury or complications arising from your injuries. You should further report anytime the insurance company tries to contact you or whether law enforcement made any progress or conclusions in investigation of your accidents. Even if you do not believe certain information is important, your attorney may be able to use it to your advantage in settlement negotiations or in front of a jury to ensure you receive proper compensation in your case.

- (1) <https://centerjd.org/content/fact-sheet-understanding-non-economic-damages>
- (2) <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-052.html>



Section 6: Important Resources & FAQs

IMPORTANT RESOURCES TO BE AWARE OF AFTER AN INJURY & HOW TO FIND AND USE THEM

If you suffer a serious injury in an accident caused by another party, you may not know where to turn to learn your legal rights or how to proceed in pursuing a claim. The following are some examples of helpful resources for injured victims.

Accident question and answer forums

There are [forums available](#) that allow injured victims to ask questions and receive comprehensive and helpful answers from an experienced Nevada and Las Vegas personal injury attorney. These [injury Q&A forums](#) cover many different types of accidents, including auto accidents, premises liability claims, medical malpractice, injuries sustained in casinos or hotels, and other types of personal injuries. By making use of these forums, and even [Vegas injury blogs](#), you may receive guidance on how to take the next step toward financially recovering from your injuries.

Helpful injury directory

[Visit this website](#) to find a directory of contact information for many different Nevada state agencies and nonprofit organizations that can provide valuable assistance to personal injury victims. Injured individuals can find assistance with mental health issues, vocational rehabilitation and assistance, disability assistance, insurance guidance, personal injury legal assistance, and more.

Information regarding specific injuries

It is only natural that injured individuals would want to learn as much as possible about their injury, the expected signs and symptoms, common courses of treatment, possible complications, and general prognosis. Fortunately, there are many resources online regarding many different injuries including [traumatic brain injuries](#), [spinal cord injuries](#), and [neck and back injuries](#), among others.

Nevada state laws

The state laws regarding personal injury and the rights of victims vary from state to state. Important laws may include the types of recovery available, the statute of limitations on

personal injuries claims, and recovery for minors. You can find the [comprehensive laws of Nevada](#) here and do not hesitate to consult with an experienced personal injury attorney for assistance in understanding how these laws apply to your case.

Safety and injury prevention events

Education regarding safety and injury prevention is the best way to avoid serious personal injuries in your family. There are a variety of events regularly scheduled in and around Las Vegas and Nevada aimed at keeping families safe. You can find a [calendar of upcoming events](#) here.

Legal brochures

The State Bar of Nevada provides [various brochures](#) on legal topics for the public, as well as frequently asked questions and other resources on their site.

Preferred Medical Providers

Below is a list of preferred medical providers in the Las Vegas area. We've included entries for a number of different specialists.

Chiropractors

Yen Chiropractor

4528 W Craig Rd Ste #190
North Las Vegas, NV 89032
Phone: (702) 685-8776
chiropractorlasvegas-yenchiropractic.com

Desert Pines Rehabilitation

3551 E Bonanza Rd. Ste. 108
Las Vegas, Nv. 89110
Phone: 702-437-0800
desertpinesrehab.com

Grimes Family Chiropractic

5785 Centennial Center Blvd. Ste. 140
Las Vegas, NV 89149
Phone: 702-233-2372
grimesfamilychiropractic.com

Psychologists & Psychiatrists

Illuminations Counseling

2320 Paseo Del Prado B-111
Las Vegas, NV 89102
Phone: (702) 431-3626
illuminationscounseling.com

Physical Therapists

Advanced Orthopedics & Sports Medicine

8420 W. Warm Springs Road, Suite 100,
Las Vegas, NV 89113
Phone: (702) 740-5327
advorthopedics.com

Sean Early Physical Therapy

8665 South Eastern Ave., Suite 103
Las Vegas, NV 89123
Phone: 702 330-3073
seanearlyphysicaltherapy.com

Rapid Rehab Las Vegas

8751 W. Charleston Blvd., Ste. 270
Las Vegas, NV 89117
Phone: 702-982-2232
rapidrehablv.com

Plastic Surgeons

Reynolds Plastic Surgery

5550 Painted Mirage Road, Ste 217
Las Vegas, NV 89149
Phone: (702) 410-9800
reynoldscosmetics.com

Desert Psychological

9183 West Flamingo Road #100
Las Vegas, NV 89147
Phone: (702) 650-6508
desertpsychological.com

Dr. David Gosse

2620 Regatta Drive, Suite 102
Las Vegas, NV 89128
Phone: (702) 385-HOPE
drgossepsychologist.com

Eye Doctors**Yesnick Vision Center**

10198 W Flamingo Rd
Las Vegas, NV 89147
Phone: (702) 966-2020
theyvc.com

New Eyes

2020 Goldring Ave, Suite 402
Las Vegas, Nevada 89106
Phone: (702) 485-5000
neweyeslasvegas.com

Nevada Eye Care

2090 East Flamingo Rd., Suite 100
Las Vegas, NV 89119
Phone: (702) 633-2020
nvisioncenters.com/locations/nevada-eye-care-east-an-nvision-company

Cardiologists**Las Vegas Cardiology**

8530 W Sunset Rd #110
Las Vegas, NV 89113
Phone: (702) 489-9000
lvcardiology.net

Nevada Heart & Vascular Center

3150 N Tenaya Way #320
Las Vegas, Nevada 89128
Phone: (702) 227-3422
nevadaheart.com

Las Vegas Oral Surgery

5001 East Bonanza Road, Suite 160
Las Vegas, NV 89110
Phone: (702) 312-2273
lasvegasoralsurgery.com

Couture Medical

2615 Box Canyon Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89128
Phone: (702) 919-6144
couturemedical.com

Neurologists**Clinical Neurology Specialists**

1691 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy., Suite 100
Henderson, Nevada 89012
Phone: (702) 804-1212
cnsnevada.com

Neurological Associates of Nevada

3960 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 500
Las Vegas, NV 89169
Phone: (702) 951-7250
neurologylasvegas.com

Silver State Neurology

2585 Montessouri Street, Suite 100
Las Vegas, Nevada 89117
Phone: (702) 272.0694
silverstateneurology.com

Podiatrists**Belmont Anderson & Associates**

1416 South Jones Boulevard
Las Vegas, NV 89146
Phone: (702) 878-1400
podiatristlasvegas.com

Absolute Foot Care Specialists

7125 Grand Montecito Pkwy, Suite 110
Las Vegas, Nevada 89149
Phone: (702) 839-2010
absolutefootcarelv.com

Nevada Cardiology Associates
3150 North Tenaya Way, Suite 460
Las Vegas, NV 89128
Phone: (702) 233-1000
nevadacardiology.com

Dr. Loren K. Hansen
3885 S. Decatur Blvd. Suite 1080
Las Vegas, NV 89103
Phone: (702) 873-8955
hansenfootdoc.com

Spine Injury Specialists

Nevada Spine Clinic
7140 Smoke Ranch R. Ste. 150
Las Vegas, NV 89128
Phone: (702) 320-8111
nvspineclinic.com

Desert Institute of Spine care
9339 W. Sunset Road Ste 100
Las Vegas, Nevada 89148
Phone: (702) 630-3472
disclv.com

Nevada Orthopedic & Spine Center
7455 W. Washington Avenue, Ste. 160
Las Vegas, NV 89128
Phone: (702) 258-3773
nevadaorthopedic.com

Speech Therapists

Speech Therapy Associates
501 S. Rancho Dr. Suite I-60
Las Vegas, Nevada 89106
Phone: (702) 598-1622
speechtherapyassociateslv.com

SFS Therapies
7030 Smoke Ranch Road
Las Vegas, NV 89128
Phone: (702) 979-4268
sfstx.com

Speech Therapy Center of Excellence
5516 S. Fort Apache Rd., Ste 130
Las Vegas, NV 89148
Phone: (702) 641 8255
speechtherapycenterlv.com



Contact a personal injury attorney to discuss your situation

While all of the above can be helpful resources for an injured victim, there is no substitute for the counsel of an experienced personal injury lawyer who understands your legal rights under Nevada law. Do not hesitate to [schedule a free consultation](#) with a [qualified personal injury attorney](#) today to find out how you can recover.

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SHOULD I EXPECT COMPENSATION FOR PAIN AND SUFFERING

When you are [injured in an accident](#), you are entitled to seek monetary compensation for a variety of financial needs that arise from your injury. One of these needs is simply referred to as “pain and suffering.” Unlike other injury-related expenses, such as medical bills and missed paychecks, [pain and suffering](#) compensation in Las Vegas does not have a concrete dollar amount. This is because pain and suffering is not one specific need. Rather, it refers to all the non-tangible needs that can arise as a result of an injury.



Some examples of the needs that can be categorized as pain and suffering include:

- Mental issues, such as anxiety about driving again or depression following a disability;
- The loss of opportunities as a result of the injury or a resulting disability;
- Chronic physical pain; and
- Scarring, cuts, bruising, and other [physical reminders of the accident](#).

Because there is no set dollar amount that can compensate for these issues, the process for determining an appropriate settlement for pain and suffering tends to be more subjective than it is for other needs.

How are Pain and Suffering Settlements Determined in Nevada?

As a general rule, individuals who show greater financial need are more likely to receive pain and suffering settlements than those with more financial resources. Nevada does not have a formula in place for courts to use to determine pain and suffering compensation amounts. Courts must use the claimant's evidence to determine an appropriate amount to compensate him or her for his or her pain and suffering. Some factors that can play into this determination include:

- Proof of financial need from the claimant, such as the bill for his or her psychological counseling; and
- The claimant's age. This, coupled with other circumstances, can play a significant role in determining an individual's pain and suffering settlement amount. For example,

a younger individual who is permanently disabled might receive a larger settlement because of the impact the injury has on his or her career opportunities versus the impact it would have on an older individual who is closer to retirement.

Your attorney can help you determine whether you can expect compensation for your pain and suffering and if so, an approximate amount you can expect. Like your other financial damages, you will need to provide evidence of your pain and suffering. Your attorney can help you procure this evidence, which can include testimonies from your relatives, friends and colleagues and photographs of any topical injuries you have suffered.



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WHAT IF THE LIABLE PARTY CAN'T PAY ME?



Filing a personal injury claim (*1) and winning an award against the negligent party is only part of the battle toward recovery for many injured victims. The following are some examples of steps you can take to obtain compensation if the liable party cannot or will not pay.

1. Try to set up a repayment plan

Personal injury awards can often rise into the tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands, or even millions of dollars, especially if your injuries are extremely serious and required extensive treatment or left you with permanent disabilities (*2). For this reason, it is no surprise that many defendants state they simply cannot afford to pay the judgment. However, this does not change the fact that you deserve that compensation and an experienced personal injury attorney has methods of working to obtain your recovery for you. If a defendant has been found responsible for your injuries but claims they have no way to pay the amount in a lump-sum payment, your attorney can work with them and see if they are able to set up a payments arrangement over months or even years. Receiving compensation for your Las Vegas injury over time is a better alternative to not collecting it at all.

2. Wage garnishment

If you are unable to agree on a workable payment arrangement, there are other ways to enforce a judgment through the courts under Nevada laws (*3). One such way is to request a wage garnishment. Through a wage garnishment, an employer will set aside up to 25 percent of the defendant's wages, which will go directly to you until the judgment is fulfilled.

3. Bank account levy

In some circumstances, an experienced attorney may be able to help you freeze the defendant's bank account and then take the funds from that account to go toward your compensation. Additionally, the levy will transfer any future funds deposited into the account until your judgment is paid in full.

Your attorney can find solutions to help you receive compensation

If you are seeking compensation from a liable party for a personal injury, you should always seek representation from an personal injury lawyer who knows how to assist you if the responsible party cannot or will not pay the judgment. [Contact a skilled Las Vegas personal injury lawyer](#) to discuss your situation today.

- (*1) [Personal injury claim](#)
- (*2) [Permanent disabilities](#)
- (*3) [Nevada laws](#)

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WHAT IF I'M PARTIALLY AT FAULT FOR MY INJURY?

Following an injury in an accident, too many victims believe they do not have the ability to obtain compensation for their injuries because they think--or know--they were partially to blame. However, many of these injured victims are mistaken, as [Nevada law](#) allows certain injured individuals to recover against other responsible parties despite contributing to the cause of the accident, as well.



Nevada has adopted the legal doctrine called modified comparative negligence. This doctrine allows victims who were [partially at fault](#) for the incident to recover, even for pain and suffering compensation in Las Vegas, as long as they were less at fault than the other party. Simply put, if you are less than 50 percent to blame for the accident and the party against whom you are filing a claim was more than 50 percent responsible, you may be entitled to compensation from the more liable party.

What will a case be worth?

It is true that, in situations involving comparative negligence, you will recover less than if you had no fault in the accident at all. However, your recovery can still be substantial, especially if you suffered serious injuries. Your recovery will simply be lessened by the percentage of your apportioned fault.

For example, imagine that you were shopping at the grocery store and you [tripped and fell](#) over a crate that had been dangerously placed in a walkway. The fall caused you to suffer a shattered wrist requiring surgery and a traumatic brain injury that required extensive rehabilitative therapy and prohibited you from returning to work for six months. Your medical bills, lost wages, and other losses add up to \$100,000.

Business owners owe patrons a duty of care to keep the premises reasonably safe and free from hazards. When a business owner fails to do so--like the grocery store leaving the crate in the walkway--they can be found negligent and liable for resulting injuries. However, it is possible that you were texting while you were walking and, because you were distracted and looking down at your phone, you were not paying attention to the walkway when you tripped. A jury may then find you 20 percent responsible for the accident and the business owner 80 percent responsible. This means that you should recover \$80,000, which includes your total losses minus your percentage of fault.

Insurance companies can try to use comparative fault laws against you

Injured parties cannot recover, however, if they are 51 percent or more at fault. For this reason, insurance companies often strive to find ways to show that an injured accident victim contributed at least 51 percent to the accident. By demonstrating this, the insurance company can avoid all liability to the injured victim. In such cases, you will have to defend against the allegation that you contributed more fault to the accident than the other party. You can do this by providing evidence of negligent acts of the other party and evidence of any steps you took to stay safe or mitigate the damage in the accident.



An experienced personal injury attorney can evaluate your case

Whether you believe you were partially at fault or not in your accident, it is always wise to [discuss your situation with a qualified personal injury lawyer](#). A lawyer can evaluate your case for free and determine whether or not you have a chance at recovery due to another party's negligence. Many injured victims are surprised to learn that they can still obtain some amount of compensation despite contributing to the accident, so you should never hesitate to [discuss your situation with a skilled attorney](#) as soon as possible.

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WHAT KIND OF EVIDENCE IS ADMISSIBLE?

When you are [injured](#) in an accident, you need to prove that you were a victim of another individual or group's negligence to receive monetary compensation for your economic damages. This is done by providing the court with admissible personal injury case evidence as well as the other party's negligence or reckless behavior that caused your accident.

The [body of evidence](#) that can help you prove your need for financial compensation can include the following:

- The official police report;
- The object that caused the injury, if applicable. For example, if you were injured by a defective consumer product, the product itself can be used as evidence for your injury;
- Photographs of the accident scene, your injury, and any related evidence that can not be taken to the courtroom;
- Documentation of your medical treatment and medical bills;
- Testimonies from witnesses who were at the scene of the accident;
- A digital recreation of the accident; and
- Documentation of your job, your income, your career opportunities, and how your injury has affected them.

Not every case needs all of the above pieces of evidence. In fact, it is likely that you will not be able to provide all of the above. Focus on the pieces of evidence that best demonstrate your accident and your need for compensation and be sure to provide these as completely as possible.

How to Procure Evidence for your Injury Case

At the scene of your accident, take any relevant photographs that you can. This can include the collision, your injuries, the environment in which the accident occurred, and the hazards present that caused the accident. Take down all witness' contact information and ask them if they are willing to provide a testimony for your case.

Other types of evidence that can be necessary include the documentation of your medical treatment and its resulting bills. In some cases, it can be helpful to provide evidence from disinterested professionals. An example of this type of evidence is a [digital reconstruction of the accident](#) provided by an accident reconstruction specialist. These individuals

specialize in virtually recreating accident conditions and environments to provide the court with an animated replay of your accident. By seeing how your accident actually happened, the court may be more likely to resolve your claim in your favor.

Here, it is also important to understand that certain actions you take in the aftermath of your accident may provide evidence in favor of the other party. For example, if you claim that you suffered a serious injury as a result of the accident, yet you post photos of you dancing or running on social media, these can be used to dispute your assertions. Other evidence, such as data from a fitness tracker, may also be introduced by the opposing party to decrease their liability and rob you from adequate compensation.



Personal Injury Attorneys in Las Vegas

A successful personal injury claim requires a substantial body of evidence. As the claimant, it is your job to provide as much evidence for your claim as you can. Your attorney's job is to locate and secure the pieces that you can not provide and craft them into a comprehensive personal injury claim. Call [Ladah Law Firm, PLLC](#) at [702-389-6464](tel:702-389-6464) to schedule your legal consultation with a member of our firm. During this consultation, we will determine the best way for you to proceed with your personal injury claim.

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WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT SETTLING A CLAIM?



When you settle a claim, you work with the negligent party's insurance provider to receive compensation for your [injury](#) and close the claim. This process is often completed after weeks or months of negotiation between the insurance provider and your attorney.

Settling a claim is an alternative to going to court to resolve your claim through litigation. In fact, settlement is actually the most popular option for personal injury claims. [The majority](#) of personal injury claims are settled out of court. This is primarily because of the cost. Going through the litigation process can be extremely expensive. Even if your case is settled in your favor, you could find yourself owing more money in court-related expenses than you will receive from your case. Another reason why injury victims and their lawyers choose settlement is the length of time it takes. Working through a lawsuit can be an exhausting, time-consuming process that requires multiple hearings. If either party opts to appeal the court's original decision, this just adds to the time and money that a lawsuit costs.

Settlement is Less Risky than Litigation

When your case goes to court, it is up to the judge and jury to determine its outcome. Think of a lawsuit like a high-stakes gamble – although there is greater potential for a large settlement, there is also a considerable chance that you will walk away empty-handed.

When you settle your claim out of court, your attorney and the negligent party's insurance provider both actually have a similar goal: to provide you with an adequate settlement amount that keeps the case out of court. The insurer starts by offering the lowest amount it assumes you will accept for your expenses and your attorney provides the evidence and negotiation necessary to build this settlement amount higher. Once an appropriate settlement amount is reached, the claim is closed. It is much easier to reach this amount by keeping the process private, rather than adding a jury to the mix.

Downsides to Settlement

The purpose of litigation is to prove that the [defendant's negligence caused the plaintiff's injury](#). When a party or a company loses a case, it is publicly acknowledged to be at fault for the victim's injury. When a claim is settled privately, the negligent party does not necessarily have to admit liability, nor are the settlement results public unless the parties agree to publicize them. If it is important for you that the negligent party's guilt be publicly acknowledged, you will need to do this through litigation.

If the insurance provider will not work with your attorney to adjust your settlement amount, you might need to resolve the case in court. Litigation removes a significant amount of control from the parties' hands. Sometimes, this is necessary to receive a fair settlement.

Assessing your Case's Suitability for Settlement

Every case is unique. Your attorney can work with you to determine whether your case is better suited to settlement or litigation. If you opt to settle your case out of court, your attorney can also help you review the negligent party's settlement offer and determine whether the amount is adequate for your financial losses. If it is not, your attorney can work to negotiate a higher amount of money for you. Do not accept any offer from the other party's insurer until you have discussed it with your attorney and determined that it is a fair amount. The insurance provider will try to pay you as little as possible - never accept its initial offer.

Look at all of your injury-related expenses. Does the insurance provider's offer cover them completely? Mostly? Think beyond the short term - how will your expenses compound in the future and continue to affect your financial health and quality of life? Ask yourself these questions and discuss your answers with your attorney to determine a fair settlement amount to seek.

Settling your Las Vegas injury case out of court can mean a faster, less stressful resolution for you. Consider this option and discuss whether it is a viable choice for your case with an [experienced personal injury attorney](#).



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I WON MY CASE, NOW WHAT?



Settling your [personal injury case](#) or winning at trial is an important milestone, but in most cases you will not walk out of your lawyer's office or the courtroom with your check in hand. Knowing now what you can expect after winning or settling your case can help you plan ahead for the future.

Be Prepared to Wait if You Won at Trial

If your case was settled, you can expect to receive compensation under the terms and conditions of the settlement agreement itself. If you won your case at trial, however, you can expect a delay of several months or even a couple of years if the defendant appeals the case (*1).

It is a common tactic of some insurance companies to threaten you with an appeal as a means to coerce you into accepting a settlement on their terms. They believe that you need cash right away for your [injuries](#) and by threatening to drag your case out for another year or two they can get you to settle your case for less than you were awarded. You should speak with your personal injury attorney about any settlement offer you receive from the defendant, especially one received after you won at trial.

The Negligent Party's Problem Can Become Your Problem

If the negligent party in your case does not have any insurance and is of limited resources, there can be a significant delay in receiving compensation. Garnishments and other legal tools are available to capture some assets a defendant may have, but these are of limited use if the defendant is unable to work or has declared bankruptcy. In some extreme cases, injured plaintiffs have been unable to receive compensation at all even though they won an award at trial because of the lack of resources of the defendant.

Uncle Sam May Want His Share of Your Award

In times past most personal injury awards were tax-free. Current IRS guidelines (*2) are more complicated. Depending on the type of compensation you receive, your compensation award can be entirely tax-exempt, partially tax-exempt, or not exempt at all. Even an award that would be otherwise tax-exempt may result in tax liability if you deducted expenses on a previous year's return.

For example, a compensation award designed to reimburse you for medical expenses is usually tax-exempt. Suppose you are injured in 2015 and incur \$50,000 worth of medical expenses. You deduct these expenses on your tax return for 2015. In 2017, you receive a compensation award of \$50,000. That settlement award would then be taxable. Compensation amounts designated as “interest” or for general mental pain and anguish are also generally taxable and these taxes must be paid in the taxable year in which you receive the settlement or award.



Rely on Your Personal Injury Attorney for Help

[Your personal injury attorney](#) is available to answer your questions and concerns from the time you initially file your claim to the time you receive your compensation amount. If you believe it is taking too long to receive the compensation you settled for or that you won at trial, [contact your attorney](#). There may be legal measures that he or she can take to protect your rights and get you the compensation you have earned.

(*1) [Nevada Appellate Courts FAQs](#)

(*2) [IRS Guidelines](#)

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CAN I APPEAL MY INJURY CASE IF I LOSE?



If television dramas and the cinema get one thing right about personal injury lawsuits, it is that a verdict at trial can often be appealed. An appeal is a legal request made by a party that loses at trial to a higher court asking that court to review what happened at trial. [An appeals court](#) can either affirm or uphold the trial court's judgment, it can vacate or remand the case (sending it back to the trial court for additional proceedings), or in some limited cases it can overrule the trial court's judgment and impose its own.

Should I Appeal My Injury Case if I Lose?

But just because you can appeal a case does not mean you should. Before you decide to appeal a personal injury case you have lost at trial, consider the following:

- **Time and money:** Appealing a case requires additional money and the appeals process can take months – or even years – before it is complete. Even if you “win” your appeal, chances are your case will need to go back before the trial court for additional hearings.
- **Questions of law:** An appeal is not a new trial; instead, the appeals court reviews the transcripts of the trial and evidence admitted and decides whether the trial court made any legal errors. An appellate court will rarely make its own determination on which witness was credible or what evidence was persuasive. If you believe the trial court made an error in applying the law, an appeal may be warranted. If you believe the trial court or jury should have believed your witnesses or evidence, an appeal may be of little benefit.
- **New legal counsel:** Your trial attorney may choose not to practice before appellate courts (although some do). If he or she does not, you will need to find and hire an additional attorney who does.

What If My Insurance Company Wants to Appeal?

Insurance companies who lose at trial and have a judgment entered against them will often threaten the injury victim with an appeal as a means to getting the victim to agree to

a settlement. The argument goes thusly: “We will win this case on appeal, so you should take our offer and be guaranteed that amount.” Before giving into this threat, discuss the following with your attorney:

- What issue is the insurance company likely to appeal?
- Do prior legal cases and legal precedent support you or the insurance company?
- If the insurance company prevails on appeal, what is likely to happen?



You Need Experienced Personal Injury Representation

At [Ladah Law Firm](#), we are able to represent injury victims from the initial filing of their cases through the appeals process. Along the way, we help our clients make important decisions about their cases by using our knowledge and experience to deliver accurate and insightful legal advice. Even if you have lost your [Nevada personal injury case](#), contact [Ladah Law Firm, PLLC](#) for a free consultation and review your options with us. Call us today at [702-389-6464](tel:702-389-6464).

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LIVING WITH AN INJURY

Long after the court has adjourned and you have received your compensation award, you may be left with the lingering effects of your [injury](#). A serious neck, spine, or [head injury](#) may mean you are now limited in your physical abilities, or a disfiguring injury or scars may be keeping you from enjoying the social activities you once enjoyed. These are the types of injuries that do not go away or heal with time and that can negatively impact your quality of life for years to come.



How to Live Well With a Long-Term Injury

Your long-term injury does not necessarily mean that your life is over or that you cannot learn to enjoy certain activities once again. By taking these following measures and availing yourself of available resources, it is possible to find fulfillment and satisfaction in life in spite of your injury or condition:

- Make sure you continue medical treatment. While your condition may be such that medical treatment will not improve your condition, medical treatment and continuing therapy may prevent your condition from worsening. Therefore, be sure to keep all medical appointments as scheduled, follow the advice of your doctor, take all prescribed medications, and inform your doctor of new or worsening symptoms.
- Keep connected with your support group. Find and stay in contact with positive people like [family and close friends](#). It is easy to become isolated and depressed, especially if your condition affects your mobility. Let these individuals encourage you and uplift you, and find ways to do the same for them.
- Investigate financial assistance if needed. Your life-long injury likely comes with certain increased costs such as medications, supplies, and home health care (for example). If your personal injury award was not sufficient to cover these expenses, look into alternative means of meeting these expenses as opposed to foregoing them. Are you entitled to disability benefits? Have you asked of local civic groups or religious organizations for assistance?
- Seek out others who are similarly situated as you. The Internet is a fantastic invention in that it can connect people who are thousands of miles away. There are various [online communities](#) where individuals with a variety of life-long conditions can meet to share stories and experiences and encourage one another. Don't have access

to the Internet? Check with your doctor, local hospital, or even a church or other religious institution and ask about support groups in your area.

- Find an activity you can do. Depression can easily set in when you are not able to work at your job or participate in activities you once enjoyed. But that does not mean that there is nothing for you to do. Find an activity that you are able to do even with your limitations. It may be a community service project, or perhaps it can be a sport with individuals afflicted with a similar condition. Whatever it is, being able to do something and impact the life of another can go a long way toward staving off feelings of depression or isolation.
- Ask for professional help if needed. Do not be afraid to ask for professional therapy or counseling if you are having trouble adapting to life after a life-long injury. It is a difficult transition for anyone to undergo; sometimes the perspective and insight of a professional who has helped others through similar transitions and situations can be of service to you. Look for a counselor who specializes in helping those with life-long ailments or conditions as they not only are likely to have the expertise to help you but may be able to adjust their fees to correspond with your income.



The Importance of a Personal Injury Lawyer

One of the first decisions you will make after suffering a personal injury is what attorney you want representing you. We at [Ladach Law Firm](#) understand the significance of this choice: by putting your case in the hands of our experienced personal injury attorneys, we are able to fight vigorously to help secure you the most compensation possible for your injury. While money may not be able to reverse or cure a life-long illness or injury, it can help with your medical and financial concerns so you can focus on living well. Learn how we can help you by calling [\(702\) 389-6464](tel:7023896464) and scheduling your [free initial consultation today](#) to talk about your accident case in Las Vegas.

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WHAT CAN I DO TO KEEP MY INJURY FROM GETTING WORSE?



You may not have been able to prevent your personal injury accident, but you do have some measure of control over the [severity of your injuries](#). Not only can these steps reduce the duration, severity, and pain associated with your injuries, but they can also be very helpful in obtaining the maximum amount of compensation possible from your personal injury case. (If you fail to take remedial measures that minimize the severity and effects of your injury - sometimes called "mitigating" your injury - your compensation

award can be negatively impacted.)

Steps to Managing Your Injury

In the days, weeks, and months following an injury incident, following these tips can help you lead a healthier, more comfortable lifestyle and decrease your recovery time:

- **Adopt a new mindset:** Not only should you fill your mind with positive thoughts and affirmations about healing and recovery, but if you have not made your health a priority before, do so now. Commit to yourself that you will take your health seriously by learning all you can about your injury or condition, focusing on your recovery, exercising (as permitted by your doctor), and eating well.
- **Partner with your doctor:** Take ownership of your health by learning all you can about your condition and its treatment and working with your doctor to optimize your health. Ask questions about your treatment and conditions if you do not understand. Work with your doctor by informing your doctor of your symptoms and their severities and how certain treatments are affecting you.
- **Seek help and advice from community groups:** There are a variety of community groups in the Las Vegas area and elsewhere that can help you learn about your injury or condition and its treatment and/or how to live a healthy lifestyle in general. Some of these groups include:

- [Southern Nevada Health District;](#)
- [Las Vegas Heals;](#) and
- [Get Healthy Clark County.](#)

Your doctor may also be able to recommend community groups meeting in your area that offer support for individuals recovering from injuries or that can provide you with healthy living advice and instruction.

- Don't give up: Changing your lifestyle to adopt healthy patterns of eating and living is not easy and you should not expect change overnight. It is important that you do not stop trying if you do not keep your new goals and resolutions 100% of the time. Instead, recognize your mistake and what led to it (Were you tired or stressed? Were you in a hurry and forgot? Are you experiencing pain or discomfort?) and make adjustments as necessary.



How Your Las Vegas Personal Injury Attorney Can Help

At [Ladah Law Firm](#) we consider ourselves partners with our clients in that we want to help you recover from your injuries and get back to living life. We do this by helping you obtain compensation for your personal injuries when they are caused by the negligence and carelessness of other people. This compensation can help you pay for your medical costs, lost wages, ongoing treatment, and other such expenses. [Contact us today](#) at [\(702\) 389-6464](tel:7023896464) and schedule your free consultation to learn how we can be a part of your recovery.

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FINDING THE BEST DOCTOR FOR YOUR INJURY

Your health is important. That is why after you have been [injured](#) in any type of personal injury accident – a slip and fall, an auto or bus accident, or even at the hands of a medical professional – one of the first steps you should take is to seek immediate medical attention for your injuries. This accomplishes a number of important goals:

- By seeking immediate medical care, you are making it easier to connect your injuries with the personal injury incident and eliminating the chance of the careless or negligent defendant claiming your injury occurred at some other time;
- By seeking immediate treatment, you are “mitigating” the harm from your injuries by taking a reasonable step designed to keep your injuries from getting worse. This not only is good for your overall health and recovery, but it prevents your compensation award from being reduced on account of what may be considered an “unreasonable” reaction on your part; and
- Seeking immediate medical treatment, even if you believe you were not injured or injured only slightly, can be important in detecting internal or other “hidden” injuries that do not yet show symptoms.



Oftentimes a serious personal injury will require more than a simple emergency room visit. Instead, you will need immediate care to stabilize your health and then further treatment from a specialist. But will any specialist do?

Why You Should Seek the Best Doctor Possible

In any profession, there are skilled and talented people and there are those who do not operate at that same level. You do not want a mediocre mechanic working on your car, nor do you want an average or below-average attorney representing you in your accident case in Las Vegas. So why should you settle for less-than-excellent health care from your doctor? Your health and your quality of life are at stake, and these deserve the best treatment possible.

Doctors become better the more times they treat a certain condition. In addition, the more times a doctor treats a condition, the more comfortable he or she becomes with the necessary procedures and the less chance there is that the doctor will make a medical mistake.

How to Find the Best Doctor

Finding the best doctor can be a bit of a challenge, however. Many injury victims accept substandard medical care simply because they do not know how to look for the best doctor or medical provider. [US News](#) gives the following suggestions:

- First, determine the general type of doctor you are looking for based on the injury from which you are suffering. Do you have a heart problem? A cardiologist would be a good selection. Do you have internal injuries? An internist might be helpful. [This website](#) has a list of specialists and what conditions they treat.
- Decide what type of doctor you are looking for in terms of personality traits and experience. If you expect to have a long-term relationship with your doctor, his or her bedside manner and personality become more important than they would be if you are needing treatment for a specific condition.
- You should be able to use Google, your telephone book, or other databases at this point to get the names and contact information of several doctors in your area meeting your search criteria. If you are seeking a primary care physician, you should take advantage of lists like US News Top Doctors or other similar rankings where doctors are evaluated by their peers. Combine this information with information about any disciplinary proceedings and/or board certifications (information that can be obtained online or through requests to the [Nevada Board of Medical Examiners](#)) to determine who is best suited for your situation. You may wish to consider at what hospitals a primary care physician has admitting privileges. If you foresee yourself needing continuing treatment for a long-term knee injury, you may wish to choose a primary care physician who has admitting privileges at a hospital known for its treatment of joint disorders.
- For specialists, board certification is the best measure of competency. It is usually best to avoid being treated by a specialist who does not have current board certification. This can be checked [here](#).



Can My Personal Injury Attorney Help?

You are in charge of your healthcare decisions and you are ultimately responsible for your health. At [Ladah Law Firm](#), we have seen individuals injured in a variety of ways and suffering from a variety of ailments and conditions as a result. While we can provide you with some general guidance (i.e., by telling you your heart condition may need to be evaluated by a cardiologist), we are more concerned with helping you get monetary compensation for your injuries. [Contact us](#) at [\(702\) 389-6464](tel:(702)389-6464) to learn how we can help you after a personal injury incident.

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TAKING CARE OF YOUR FAMILY AFTER AN INJURY

Some injury victims see a [personal injury settlement or award](#) as something akin to winning the lottery: once they receive their settlement money, they never have to worry about their finances again and can live a life of ease and comfort. But just as some lottery winners have found themselves in financial need several years later, so too injury victims who receive a large settlement can quickly find themselves in dire financial straits. This can be a perilous position, especially if you have a family to support and are unable to return to the workforce or cannot earn as much as you used to.

Prudent Planning is Key to Financial Success

In order to make your injury settlement or award last, you must take proactive measures. One of the best ways to make your money go farther is to learn how to budget and stick to that budget. If you are unaware of how much money you spend each month or where that money goes (i.e., does it go to pay necessary bills or does it go to other things you do not need?), it will be difficult for you to get a handle on your finances and set aside enough money for bills, ongoing medical treatment, family expenses, and other such costs. If you do not know how to budget, there are a variety of apps and community groups that can offer you assistance in setting up a budget.

Consider putting some of your settlement money into an investment like a 401k or a mutual fund. These types of investment vehicles may not provide as large a rate of return as some other investments, but they do provide a rate of return on your investment over the years that is at or above inflation. This can help ensure that you will have money later in life. It is advisable to speak with a financial planner or other investment advisor to determine what course of action is right for your situation.

Be prepared for possible tax implications in the taxable year in which you receive your award or settlement, and be certain to budget for the payment of these taxes. A tax professional can evaluate your situation and advise you of your tax liability.

Other Resources to Make Your Dollar Go Farther

If you are young and suffer from a long-term disability or condition, you may be entitled to [certain scholarships to help you attend or go back to college](#). There are also scholarships available to the children [who have a parent who is disabled](#). These do not cost any money to apply for and can make your settlement or award go farther by taking care of certain expenses so that you do not have to use your settlement or award money.

If you do find yourself facing financial difficulty, various civic and religious organizations may be able to provide you with [monetary assistance to help you meet your bills](#) and pay for necessary treatment and medications. Some of these may have a lengthy application period, so it is best to reach out and ask for assistance as soon as you believe you may need it.

Things Not To Do With Your Settlement or Compensation Award

Just as there are certain things you can do to make your settlement or compensation award last as long as possible, there are certain things you can do that will almost guarantee your award money will be gone before you know it:

- Do not gamble your settlement or compensation award. Some people believe gambling with their award will pay off and make their award even larger. Stick to 401ks and investments if you are wanting your award dollar to go farther.
- Do not spend your compensation on frivolous purchases or vacations. Remember, the compensation is there to help you meet expenses that you now have because of your injury.
- Be very cautious about offers to buy your structured settlement for cash. If you agreed to a structured settlement (wherein the defendant pays the settlement award in a series of installments over time), be very careful about offers from companies looking to pay you "cash now" as the amount they will pay will typically be far less than what your structured settlement would be worth.



Ladah Law is Here to Help

At [Ladah Law Firm](#), we help you provide for your family by striving to obtain the largest settlement or compensation award possible. We do this by thoroughly investigating your case and zealously advocating on your behalf throughout the injury claims process. Learn how we can help you provide for your family after you have been injured by calling us at [\(702\) 389-6464](tel:7023896464) and setting up a [free initial consultation](#) for your accident case in Las Vegas.

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FROM INJURY TO RECOVERY



There are no such things as “professional personal injury victims.” For most people who are injured by the carelessness of another, the road from where they are to receiving compensation seems long and uncertain. Here is what you can expect to happen after you have been injured.

Day 1 to Year 2

During this initial period the focus will be on treating your injuries and preparing your

personal injury case for filing.

- A priority during this time should be seeking immediate medical treatment and following the instructions of your doctor. It is common to feel scared and uncertain about your injuries; however, your health and the success of your personal injury case will depend on your compliance with medical treatment prescribed to you. Make sure to see a doctor that is competent and with whom you feel comfortable for any ongoing treatment needs.
- You will want to meet with a personal injury attorney during this time as well. Nevada’s law requires that you file your personal injury lawsuit within two years of the incident (*1). Thus, if you fell down stairs, were involved in an auto accident, or [slipped and fell at the store](#), your case must be filed within two years of that date.
- Your attorney will file your personal injury claim on your behalf and ensure that copies of your claims are served on the party whose negligence caused your injuries.

3 Months to 3 Year Later

Following the filing of your accident case in Las Vegas, the next phase of the process focuses on discovery – the exchange of evidence and information between the parties so that each side can evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the other.

- The opposing party will have an opportunity to file a written answer to your claim, setting out any defenses he or she may have. If he or she believes you caused injury to him or her, the opposing party will also file a counterclaim at this time.
- Additional motions may be filed to seek the court’s permission to depose certain witnesses, preserve important evidence, or allow for expert reports to be completed (*2).

- Any evidence either party has that supports its claim will be exchanged with the other party under the process of discovery (*3). The purpose of this is to prevent one party from being unfairly surprised if your case goes to trial.
- Your attorney and the other party may begin the negotiating process at any time, and the process may continue for so long as both parties wish. If a settlement is reached as to your claim, you will receive the amount agreed to under the terms that you and the opposing party set.

6 Months to 1 Year Later

- Once the discovery process has concluded, the case is ready to be set for trial. How soon your case will go to trial after discovery has concluded will depend on (1) the length of trial that will be necessary; (2) whether a jury will be needed; (3) the availability of the court and attorneys; and (4) the availability of witnesses.
- In most cases, you will know the verdict or outcome of your case on the day your trial ends.

3 Months to 2 Years Later

- The losing party at trial has the opportunity to appeal the verdict of the trial court to a higher court for review. Depending on how busy the appellate courts are and whether the issues appealed will be argued in person or whether the attorneys will simply submit written arguments, the appeals process can take several years.
- If there is no appeal filed within the specified timeframe or if the appealing party loses its appeal, the trial court's judgment becomes final and it can begin to be enforced.
- If the appealing party prevails on appeal, the case may be sent back to the trial court to conduct additional hearings or take additional actions.



Seek Guidance from a Personal Injury Attorney

Slip and fall, auto accident, and other personal injury cases tend to proceed more quickly with the [assistance of a personal injury attorney](#). This individual can help make sure that your claim is timely filed but can help ensure your case continues to progress at a reasonable pace. Your attorney can also help dispel any confusion or unrealistic expectations you may have about the process and help you understand the progression of events in your case.

You may be worried about finances after a personal injury accident. Do not let this deter you from seeking legal counsel. Some personal injury attorneys work on a contingency fee basis, meaning that they receive compensation when and if they are able to secure compensation for you. This allows you to obtain the experience and knowledge of a personal injury attorney with little financial risk to yourself if your claim is not successful.

- (*1) [Nevada Limitation of Actions](#)
- (*2) [Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure](#)
- (*3) [Nevada Rules of Evidence \(See Title 4\)](#)

WHY CHOOSE LADAH LAW

Personal Injury Law is Our Only Focus at Ladah Law Firm

Our sole focus at [Ladah Law Firm](#) is Personal Injury Law. Personal Injury Law is a very specialized field that numerous "general practice" lawyers, who do not specialize in Personal Injury, attempt to dabble in. Personal injury can be lucrative, which, is why so many different types of lawyers attempt to dabble in it. However, it really takes a personal injury specialist, or a lawyer and law firm who is entirely and exclusively dedicated to practicing in personal injury, to take full and absolute benefit of the law in a way that will maximize compensation to personal injury victims.

At [Ladah Law Firm](#), all we do is Personal Injury. Personal Injury cases and Personal Injury law is what we do. We know Personal Injury law inside and out. Ramzy Ladah and the other attorneys at [Ladah Law Firm](#) eat, sleep and breath Personal Injury law. When the Nevada Supreme Court comes out with a new case that impacts personal injury law, we are the first to know about it. When a new law is passed by the legislature that impacts personal injury law, we are the first to know about it. Also, both attorney Ramzy Ladah and Attorney Anthony Ashby used to work for insurance defense firms, in other words we used to work for the insurance companies defending personal injury cases. This means we know exactly how the insurance companies operate and think.

Being a personal injury lawyer that obtains high value settlements and verdicts for injury victims has been our passion for numerous years. Personal Injury law is our passion and our one and only focus. That is why when you hire [Ladah Law Firm](#) to represent you in a car accident, motorcycle accident, truck accident, bus accident, slip and fall, trip and fall, or medical malpractice case, you are hiring a law firm that will truly maximize the amount of money you can get. Call us today at [Ladah Law Firm](#) at [702-389-6464](tel:702-389-6464) for a [free consultation](#) with a law firm that focuses exclusively on personal injury law. We enjoy helping clients out – it is our objective, so call us even if all you want to do is discuss the case with us. We are here for you.

We at Ladah Law are Trial Lawyers that the Insurance Companies are Scared of

At [Ladah Law Firm](#), we take cases to trial when we need to. The insurance companies know this. The insurance companies know that if they do not come to the table with enough money, they will end up in the courtroom with a jury deciding their fate because we are known as trial attorneys. That is why so many other law firms and lawyers in Las Vegas, and across the country, refer their personal injury cases to us here at [Ladah Law Firm](#). We have received referrals from literally hundreds of different lawyers. These include

lawyers who handle personal injury cases but do not litigate their cases and do not take their cases to trial. They refer their cases to us because they know we litigate aggressively and we take cases to trial. A case in our hands is worth considerably more than it is in most other lawyers hands. Call us today at [Ladah Law Firm](#) at [702-389-6464](tel:702-389-6464) for a free consultation with a law firm that you know the insurance companies are scared of.

Between all of the attorneys at [Ladah Law Firm](#) combined, we have taken over 100 cases to trial. We have the experience you need to take your case to trial if that is what it takes to get you the compensation you deserve. Whether it is a car accident, or a truck accident, or a bus accident case, or a motorcycle accident case, or a trip and fall, or a slip and fall type of a case, a spinal injury, knee injury, shoulder injury, CRPS injury, or any other type of injury case, we take cases to trial and we win. Come to us if you want a law firm that the insurance companies are scared of. [Call us today for a free consultation.](#)

Personal and Award Winning Customer Service that you can Count on

Quality Customer Service and satisfaction to every client is our objective. The vast majority of our cases come to us through referrals. These include referrals from other attorneys and law firms, as well as lots of referrals from our past clients who think we did a fantastic job for them. Our number one objective is to make every one of our clients as happy as possible. This is done by listening to our clients, listening to their needs, listening to their objectives. Listening to what they want, and handling their case with their goals, concerns and needs in mind.

Attorney Ramzy Ladah gives each and every one of his clients his cell phone number meaning they can contact him 24 hours a day 7 days a week for all of their needs on their cases. When you hire [Ladah Law Firm](#) you have hired what we consider to be the best team when it comes to customer service. We have awards for customer service on www.avvo.com, including the clients choice award. We have more positive reviews on avvo in the past few years than most other law firms obtain in decades. Hire us so that you can be the next satisfied customer.

If you have a case, whether it is a motor vehicle accident, or a premises case, or a medical negligence case, or any other type of personal injury case, call us today at [702-389-6464](tel:702-389-6464). We don't get paid until we make you money. All consultations are free. We want to make our clients happy, and that is what we will do on your case.

Ladah Law Firm has a proven Track Record in Las Vegas

Our settlements and verdicts speak for themselves. Looking over our results page will reveal just how many large settlement and verdicts we have obtained in a short period of time. We are the up and coming personal injury firm in Las Vegas, and we want your case to be the next case that we obtain a very large sum of money for. Multimillion dollar settlements at [Ladah Law Firm](#) are the usual and normal result for so many of our clients. That is why we receive so many referrals from past clients and other law firm and lawyers. [Call us today for your free consultation.](#)

We Get Results



Gloria Evans: "They got me more money than I thought I would get."

"I'm Gloria Evans and I had a personal injury accident. I was hoping to get reimbursed for some of it and went to an attorney who said she didn't think she could handle the case but referred me to Ramzy.

Ramzy took over and he and his staff did just a wonderful job. They got me more money than I thought that I would get. Everything was

efficient. They kept me up to date on all the steps that we went through. And, I was just very pleased and would recommend them to anyone else."

A Few Recent Case Results

- **\$3.9 million** wrongful death case settlement – specific details and parties are confidential
- **\$3.06 million** motorcycle accident settlement resulting in spinal injury and pelvic fracture
- **\$2.4 million** jury verdict on Trucking Accident causing Spinal Injury and mild traumatic brain injury
- **\$2 million** spinal injury settlement, medical malpractice case
- **\$1.3 million** settlement for elderly man rear ended by pickup truck resulting in a severe neck injury

Find and read more case results from [Ladah Law Firm](http://www.ladahlaw.com/) at <http://www.ladahlaw.com/personal-injury-case-results>.



Contact the Las Vegas Accident Attorneys at Our Firm

If you have suffered an accident and don't know what to do, an experienced Las Vegas Accident attorney can help you with this process. At the [Ladah Law Firm](#), our Las Vegas accident attorneys have extensive experience helping individuals in numerous types of accidents. From hotel or casino injuries to car accidents, our Las Vegas accident attorneys will help protect your legal rights and make sure that you recover the compensation you deserve.

[Contact the Las Vegas accident attorneys](#) at the [Ladah Law Firm](#) today for a free initial consultation and case evaluation. You can call us today at [702-389-6464](tel:702-389-6464) or visit our office at 517 South 3rd Street in Las Vegas.

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