

# STEPS TO TAKE FOLLOWING A BIKE ACCIDENT IN WISCONSIN

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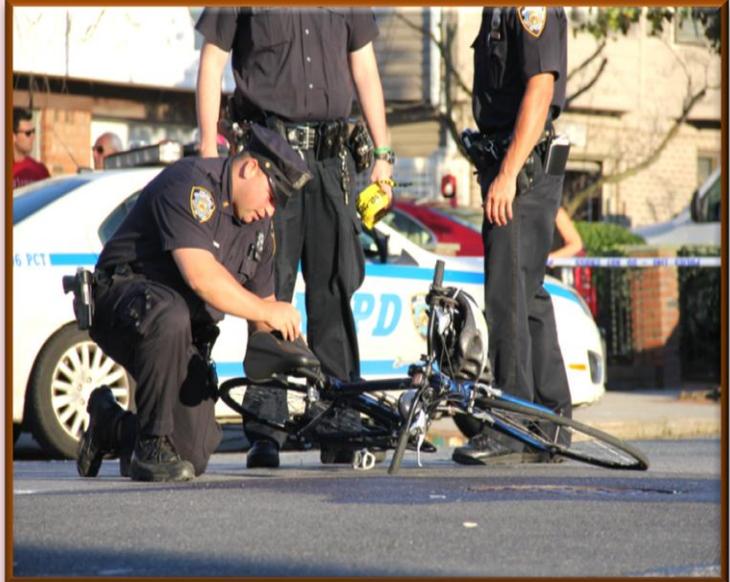
As a bicyclist, there is no better feeling than taking to the road. No matter if you are riding for fun or on your way to a particular destination, the time you spend in the saddle is sure to be enjoyable.

Of course, this joy can turn to pain if you are involved in an accident. While some accidents are the result of an error by the bicyclist, others are caused by the negligence of a motor vehicle driver.

Although you never want to think about being involved in an accident with a motor vehicle, this should always be in the back of your mind. This will ensure that you do whatever you can to remain safe, including wearing the appropriate safety gear.

## In the event that you are involved in an accident, there are five steps you should take:

1. Stay put while police and emergency medical professionals make their way to the scene. Even if you feel good enough to get up and leave, you never want to take this action. In most cases, the bicyclist will be injured, which means that waiting for medical attention is of



utmost importance. Along with this, it gives you a chance to speak with police, making sure they know what happened.

2. Explain your side of the story, while also making sure police include it in the accident report. The police may take a statement from the driver of the vehicle, forgetting that you have the right to explain the details of the accident as well. This may not sound like a big deal, but if you file a lawsuit down the road it will be.

3. Document your injuries. From the first bit of medical attention you receive until the last, you should closely track what you are going through. This means writing down every doctor visit, including what happens, while also holding onto medical records. This information can always be searched for down the road, but it is better for you to keep detailed records upfront so that nothing gets lost.

4. Take the time to recover. After a bicycle accident, especially one in which a driver was negligent, you will feel a variety of emotions, including anger. You will be angry at the person for hitting you, and angry that you are on bed rest (and not on your bike). This is natural, but you don't want to let it get the best of you.

There will come a time when you are able to resume your normal life.

5. Consult with a personal injury attorney. You have rights as a bicyclist, but with complex laws in place you will need legal assistance to make sure they are protected. Find a personal injury attorney with bicycle accident experience, as this will give you confidence moving forward.

Note: as tempting as it may be to communicate directly with an insurance company, especially one that is offering you a payment, you should never do so. You could say the wrong thing or sign something that will prohibit you from receiving the compensation you deserve. Let your attorney handle all communication for you.

It is never a good thought, but the more time you spend on your bike the better chance there is that you could be involved in an accident. Even when you are being careful and obeying the rules of the road, others may not be doing the same.

In the event that you are involved in a bicycle accident, follow the five steps above. By doing so, you will ensure yourself of getting on the road to recovery while also receiving the compensation you deserve for your injuries and other damages. From there, you may be back on your bike soon enough.

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