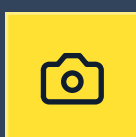


After an accident, most people focus on what matters most: getting medical care, recovering from their injuries, and getting their lives back on track. The last thing many injury victims want to think about is paperwork. However, the documents you keep throughout the claims process can play an important role in protecting your right to compensation.

Nobody expects you to start building a file of records immediately after an accident. Focus on your recovery first. As paperwork starts to arrive, keep copies and store them somewhere safe. Even documents that seem minor can end up being useful.



Right After the Accident

Immediately following an accident is often the most important time for collecting evidence. Conditions can change quickly, witnesses may become difficult to locate, and important details can be forgotten over time.

- ☐ Photos and videos of the accident scene
- ☐ Photos of visible injuries
- ☐ Contact information for witnesses
- ☐ Contact information for anyone involved in the accident
- ☐ Police reports, incident reports, or other official reports



During Your Initial Medical Treatment

Seeking prompt medical attention is imperative after an accident. Medical records often become some of the most important documents in an injury claim.

- ☐ Emergency room or urgent care records
- ☐ Hospital records
- ☐ Diagnostic testing results, including X-rays, CT scans, and MRIs
- ☐ Discharge instructions
- ☐ Prescription information



Through Your Recovery

Recovery is rarely limited to a single doctor visit. As you continue treatment, keep copies of records and receipts related to your care.

- ☐ Doctor visit records
- ☐ Specialist evaluations
- ☐ Physical therapy records
- ☐ Rehabilitation records
- ☐ Medical bills
- ☐ Rehabilitation records



Records of How the Injury Has Affected Your Life

Not every consequence of an accident appears on a medical bill. Serious injuries can affect your ability to work, participate in activities, care for your family, and enjoy daily life.

- ☐ Pay stubs or income records showing lost wages
- ☐ Receipts for out-of-pocket expenses
- ☐ Transportation costs related to medical appointments
- ☐ A journal describing pain levels, symptoms, and recovery progress
- ☐ Photos documenting your recovery



Documents Related to Your Insurance Claim

As your claim moves forward, it is important to keep insurance-related documents organized in one place.

- ☐ Insurance claim numbers
- ☐ Emails and written correspondence
- ☐ Settlement offers
- ☐ Claim-related forms
- ☐ Notes from conversations with insurance representatives



Additional Records That May Be Important in Certain Cases

Some accidents involve unique types of evidence. Depending on the circumstances, additional records may include:

- ☐ Workplace accident reports
- ☐ Animal control reports
- ☐ Property maintenance records
- ☐ Product purchase receipts
- ☐ Funeral expense documentation in wrongful death cases

Need Help Gathering Important Records After an Accident?

At Kaine Law, we help injury victims identify important records, request documentation, and organize information that supports their claims. When you are focused on treatment and recovery, keeping track of paperwork can easily fall through the cracks.

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