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Answers To The Six Questions Davis Law Group Website Visitors Ask Most

Thanks for requesting a copy of *The Ten Biggest Mistakes That Can Wreck Your Washington Accident Case*. I highly recommend that you read it when it comes. You might want to hold off hiring an attorney or dealing with the insurance adjuster until you get a chance to read it. (You can politely tell the insurance adjuster who is probably bugging you that you'll get back to them in a few days.)

While you are waiting, let me try to answer a few questions that you may have right now:

1. Do I need an attorney to represent me? Not always. My view is that the more complex the injury is the more an attorney will be able to add value to your claim. If your injury is slight and resolves in a few weeks, my book may be all that you need to settle your case yourself.

2. Who should pay my medical bills now? Submit your bills to your own health insurer. Then, call your car insurance company and ask if you have medical payments or Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage. If you do, submit the bills to your car insurance company as well. (My book will explain in detail how all of this works.) The insurance company for the person who hit you will not generally advance these funds to you, preferring to string you out and settle everything at one time at the end. You don't want your medical bills going to collections!

3. What about my car? Who should pay to get it fixed? Often the defendant's insurance company will help you immediately with this. If they don't, contact your own car insurance company and get them to work on it. Yes, you'll pay a deductible, but your insurance company will help you recover that deductible from the person who was at fault. **Most of the time the property damage claim can be resolved without the assistance of an attorney.**

4. What else should I be doing at this time?

- Follow your doctor's instructions and keep all medical appointments.
- Take digital pictures of your car and your injuries.
- Obtain the police accident report. Or your lawyer can do this for you.
- You may settle and release your property damage claim with the other person's car insurance company. But make sure you **carefully** read the release.
- You may give a recorded statement to your own car insurance company if requested.
- Cooperate with the police and if subpoenaed, appear at any court hearing.

5. Is there anything I should not be doing while I wait for your book?

- Don't give a recorded statement to the other person's insurance company.
- Don't sign medical releases for the other person's insurance company.
- Don't accept a check for your personal injuries and sign a release.

6. I am hundreds of miles away from you; will you still take my case?

At one time the answer to this question would have been "no." But today we represent accident victims all over Washington (and, from time to time, we handle large cases out of state). If we accept your case, it doesn't matter where you are located. We have represented clients who live as far away as Europe.