



La Esquina Legal

I was involved in a car accident. What do I do?

AT THE SCENE

Your first concern should be your safety and injuries. Always call for emergency assistance and try to remain calm while waiting. You should not say “I am fine” or “I am not hurt.” These statements could complicate a potential lawsuit. If you feel you are injured, insist on obtaining medical treatment. Do **not** say that the accident was your fault.

You should exchange insurance, registration and driver’s license information with the driver of any other vehicles as well as the names and addresses of every passenger and any witnesses.

When the police arrive, keep all answers clear and simple. Be sure to provide your driver’s license, insurance card and vehicle registration. Write down the name and precinct of the officer(s) and ask for a copy of their report.

AFTER THE ACCIDENT

Always report an accident to your insurance company as soon as possible.

Write down notes about any injuries or problems after the accident. Keep a record of any doctors or hospitals you go to. This can be helpful to a potential case arising from the accident.

CONTACT A LAWYER

Do not wait to contact a lawyer with extensive experience in Personal Injury Cases. An attorney can help you obtain the maximum benefits you may be entitled to for medical expenses and property damage, and can start a lawsuit if necessary. Even if you were not driving or were a pedestrian and were injured, a lawyer can help you protect your rights.

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Please send your legal questions to fmiranda@hispanicfederation.org.

HF WELCOMES NEW MEMBER AGENCY

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El Club del Barrio is a community-based non profit corporation serving the residents of northern New Jersey. The organization helps families who are underserved, or lack access to supportive services, become self sufficient so that they can in turn help to revitalize their neighborhoods. Newark residents continue to look to the agency as a traditional community based social service provider and safe haven for all people.

El Club del Barrio serves families with children, young adults, women, men, seniors, HIV+/AIDS affected individuals along with their heterosexual and same-sex partners, and persons with disabilities. El Club delivers services in the following program areas:

- Children and Youth Services
- Women and Family Services
- HIV Prevention and Direct Services
- Behavioral Healthcare Services.

ECDB’s mission is to provide quality, science based, client centered social and behavioral healthcare services that prevent disease and improve the quality of life for individuals and families in these communities.

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