

Personal Injury Claim Checklist



Deciding to pursue a personal injury claim after an accident is one of the best things that you can do for yourself and your loved ones. A personal injury case holds those responsible accountable for their actions and ensures that you have the compensation you need to cover your medical expenses and provide for your family while you recover from your injuries. At [The Law Offices of Justin D. Brandel](https://www.callbrandel.com) in New York, our team of highly skilled legal professionals is here to advocate on your behalf after an accident. In order to get the most for your claim, our office has created a personal injury claim checklist of everything you need for a successful case. To learn more, call or contact our office today to schedule a consultation.

Use Your Checklist to Pursue Personal Injury Compensation

In New York, compensation for personal injury claims includes damages for both economic and noneconomic harm caused by the accident. Noneconomic damages compensate a victim for pain and suffering, emotional distress, disability, disfigurement, and loss of enjoyment of life. Economic damages cover all out-of-pocket costs incurred by the victim after an accident, including all medical expenses, property damage, wage loss, and the loss of future income and benefits. Gathering the items on the personal injury claim checklist can help considerably when it comes to proving the full scope of the economic and noneconomic damages caused by the accident in your case.

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There are a few items that you should collect in order to prepare for a successful personal injury case. For more information about these items on the personal injury claim checklist and how they can be helpful in your claim, talk to an experienced personal injury attorney today.

- ☐ **Police and Accident Reports:** The first items in a personal injury checklist are the police and accident reports for the incident. Whenever a serious accident occurs and the police are called to the scene, they create a police or accident report that details the incident. Usually, these reports include a rough sketch of the scene of the accident, the names and contact information of the parties involved, any witnesses to the accident, and a brief description of what occurred to cause the accident. You can request a copy of these reports with the police station that responded to the accident.

- ☐ **Medical Records:** The next item on the personal injury claim checklist is all relevant medical records. This includes medical records of anything pertinent prior to the accident, records from the day of the accident, and all subsequent records during treatment and rehabilitation. It is critical that you seek immediate medical care after an accident for two reasons. First, it allows a medical professional to diagnose and begin treatment on all of your injuries, including those not immediately recognizable at the scene, like internal bleeding. Second, it creates contemporaneous documentation about the extent of your injuries immediately after the incident, which can be critically important in a case.

- ☐ **Photos and Videos:** If possible, take photos and videos of the scene of the accident. This includes the location of the incident, the weather conditions, lighting, the extent of the property damage, documentation of your personal injuries, and anything else that might be relevant to the case. Being able to visually show a judge and jury the extent of the damage caused in your case can be incredibly compelling evidence in a personal injury claim.

- ☐ **Contact Information:** If there are witnesses to the accident that caused your injuries, it is important to collect their contact information. If police arrive on scene, they usually collect this information and put it in the accident report; however, it is also beneficial to collect this information yourself in case someone leaves before the police arrive. Witness testimony is critical for many personal injury cases, and your attorney will want to follow up with everyone who saw what happened in your case.

- ☐ **Receipts and Medical Bills:** Another vital component to a personal injury claim checklist is all receipts and medical bills associated with your case. Medical bills include all expenses related to your care after an accident, including ambulance transportation, hospitalization, medication, treatment, surgeries, specialists, and more. It also includes all bills related to rehabilitation, medical devices, long-term care, and transportation to and from physical therapy sessions. Personal injury compensation also covers all property loss caused by an accident, so you should also keep all receipts related to fixing or replacing personal property damaged in the accident, such as vehicle repairs, phone replacement, bicycle repairs, and more.

- ☐ **Pay Stubs:** Another component of personal injury compensation is coverage of all wage loss caused by the accident. In order to prove how much you have lost in wages due to medical treatment and recovery, you need to collect pay stubs that show how much you make per pay period. You should also collect any information about the loss of future income or benefits, such as missing out on a bonus or a commission due to the accident.

- ☐ **Personal Record:** The final item on the personal injury claim checklist is keeping a personal record of your journey after the accident. If possible, keep a daily journal of how you are feeling, any progress or setbacks in your physical recovery, and emotional or psychological trauma experienced as a result of the accident, and anything else happening in your life that may be relevant to the case. A personal record can bolster more official records of medical treatment and progress as well as remind those involved in the case that a real person was hurt because of the negligence or recklessness of another.

Talk to Our Office Now

Have you or a loved one been injured in an accident in New York? If so, you need the knowledgeable personal injury attorneys at The Law Offices of Justin D. Brandel zealously advocating for your needs after an accident. Call the office or [contact us](#) today to schedule a consultation of your personal injury claim.



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