

# WHERE AND WHEN

## Do I Contact a Lawyer for My TBI?



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Soon after an accident that causes a TBI, a hundred things will be thrown at you almost immediately. Medical bills will start coming in, and after a couple months, possibly even collections notices. Letters from insurance companies asking you to sign forms will start flooding your inbox. Your car or other belongings that were damaged in the accident will need to be replaced or repaired – who will pay for that? All the while, your employer expects you to show up every day and your family needs you. This is not to mention the entire time these things are flying at you, you are suffering the effects from an injury that will likely be with you forever. So what do you do? The answer is easy: hire a TBI lawyer.

### What to Do After a TBI Accident

- Call 911 and get medical help.
- Make sure the police properly investigate the circumstances surrounding the accident.
- Call a lawyer who specializes in TBI cases and have them handle all the paperwork for you.
- Monitor your symptoms and go back to the doctor if they worsen or do not go away.

A TBI lawyer can organize everything being thrown at you and take care of it for you. Instead of trying to respond to all the paperwork, phone calls, and e-mails yourself, the lawyer can work as your advocate and speak on your behalf. They will protect your rights and make sure you are not being taken advantage of. They will also guide you through the insurance claim and ensure you receive a fair result. After an accident, the only way to attempt to be made whole is through an insurance claim against the person or company who caused your accident, and only a TBI lawyer can help you achieve that.

Finding a lawyer who specializes in TBI is crucial. Although numerous lawyers handle personal injury cases, TBI cases are different. The injury is unique and is not always straightforward. Because of this, a TBI survivor needs a lawyer who specializes in TBI cases.

When you speak to a lawyer about your case, you should ask them what their specialty is. Nowadays, all lawyers specialize. If they do not say they specialize in TBI cases, you should probably look elsewhere. Of the lawyers who tell you they specialize in TBI, you should ask them how many TBI cases they have successfully resolved in the past five years, and how many TBI cases they have taken to trial. You should also ask them whether they have represented clients with the same symptoms as you have and what the result of those cases were. Your case is too important not to ask these questions. If you were going in for heart surgery, would you let a back doctor perform the surgery? It is the same thing with lawyers. Make sure to protect yourself after your accident by hiring a TBI lawyer. [A](#)

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