



# THE CRITICAL MISTAKES TO AVOID AFTER AN ACCIDENT

- If it is a road traffic accident, always stay at the scene of the accident and report it to the Gardai. Get the name, telephone number and station of the investigating Garda.
- Never drive off as this is a criminal offence
- Ensure any injured person is comfortable and call the emergency services and get advice on what to do.
- Get the name and address and insurance details (including Insurance company and policy number) of the other motorist as well as the registration number.
- If the driver is not the owner, find out the name and address of the vehicle owner.
- Never admit fault for the accident even if you think you are at fault. The other person may have been drinking or travelling at speed or at fault in some way that is not obvious to you.
- Never discuss compensation as this could be used against you if the case were to end up in court.
- Take as many photos as possible if you have a camera phone.
- Get the names and addresses and telephone numbers of any witnesses to the accident.
- If it happens at work or in a public place such as a shopping centre or a cinema, always report it to a supervisor and ensure it is written into the accident report book. Take the name of the supervisor.
- If you are injured and brought to a hospital, make a note of the name of your medical adviser and your hospital reference number.
- Get an estimate for repairs from a reputable garage if your vehicle is damaged.

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- Keep all bills and vouchers for your 'out of pocket' expenses. Retain payslips and any records to do with your earnings as these will be important when recovering your financial losses.
- Write down everything you remember about the accident while it is still fresh in your mind.
- Get all of the relevant information to your solicitor as soon as possible after the accident so that investigations may commence and statements can be taken before evidence is lost or people's memories fade.
- Never ever discuss your claim with an insurance company official pushing a settlement on you. The sole purpose of the claims inspector is to save money for the insurance company and you end up being the looser. Contact your accident solicitor immediately if this happens.
- Never contact a claim agency or website as they add no value to your claim.

## WHY USE O'SHEA LEGAL?

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**Firstly:** We deal with you personally from beginning to end.

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Secondly; We fight hard to protect your interests.

This means that no effort will be spared by my team to gather the evidence required to present the best possible case for you.

**Thirdly:** We provide you with the benefit of a dedicated team of professionals to deal with all aspects of your claim;

#### Which means that you get access to:

- The best medical evidence;
- Experienced Accident Investigators
- Fully qualified Engineers and Architects.
- Expert witnesses and;
- Top class Barristers

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Please complete and send me the '*Easy Claim Start*' form below without commitment and I'll personally review your case and let you have an opinion and advice on what to do next.

- o Name
- o Email address
- Telephone number
- Date of incident
- Brief details of event giving rise to claim.
- Name of other persons involved.
- Would you like a response by telephone email post.
- Submit for no obligation evaluation

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