**Avoid these Mistakes When Making an Auto Accident Claim in Wisconsin**

Making an auto accident claim after an auto accident can be complicated and daunting. A single mistake in approaching the case legally can affect the amount of compensation that you can recover for your injuries, and in some cases, can prevent you from receiving any compensation at all. The key to ensuring you obtain maximum compensation after an accident is proving that the negligence of the other party caused the accident and none of your actions caused it.

Sometimes, the aftermath of a motor vehicle accident can lead to confusion and bewilderment, causing the victim to do or say things that later raises question on the serious of their injuries and level of fault. Here are a few common mistakes victims make that you should avoid at all costs in order to not hurt your auto accident claim:

**Not Calling the Law Enforcement**

Whether it is a minor collision or a full-fledge wreck, you should always call the law enforcement. Some people think involving the police can cause them trouble, but that is not true. The police will investigate the accident scene and prepare a report that can be used as a piece of evidence to support your personal injury case.

**Admitting Fault**

It is highly unlikely for a person to admit fault after an accident. However, in some situations, people make innocent comments amidst all the confusion after the crash that can be easily misconstrued. For example, you may say to the other driver that you did not see them coming or apologize to them, which can later be used as an admission of guilt or fault. You should avoid making any comments after a crash, and instead focus on tending your injuries and gathering information.

**Not Getting Immediate Medical Attention**

If you do not get medical attention immediately after the accident, it can significantly hurt your claim. Whether you get a few scratches or are injured badly enough to be taken to a hospital, you should consider calling the emergency services and inform them about the accident. This will help you get an idea of the extent of your injuries, as well as a medical record that can be used as an important piece of evidence.

**Not Documenting the Scene**

Digital evidence, such as photos and videos, of an accident scene can provide solid proof of the seriousness of your injuries and property damage. It can also provide insights into how the accident took place. Make sure you document the scene by taking pictures and videos from different angles.

**Giving a Recorded Statement**

You are likely to be called by the insurance adjuster after a day or two of filing a claim against the responsible party asking you to give a recorded statement. However, you should never give such a statement without consulting your attorney, as it can be construed and used against you.

Last, but not the least, not hiring an attorney to handle your case. This is a huge mistake as it can significantly reduce your chances of getting the compensation you deserve. An experienced attorney can guide you through the legal process, help gather potential evidence, strive to present your case in the best possible light, and negotiate the most appropriate settlement for you. Contact us today at 262.605.8400 to schedule an initial consultation with our experienced attorney and discuss your case to evaluate your legal options.