

# 7 Ways You Could Ruin Your Personal Injury Case



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# Introduction



Have you been seriously injured due to no fault of your own? When someone else's negligence or carelessness causes you serious damages, you are entitled to justice and the fullest and fairest amount possible. Paul Boone is our Jacksonville personal injury lawyer who fights for the rights of victims daily. If you are a victim of personal injury, please reach out to us as soon as you possibly can so we can set you up with a free first consultation to go over the details of your claim and help you navigate this legal process. In the meantime, here are seven mistakes to avoid making if you want a strong and successful case.

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# #1

# Not Collecting Evidence

After most accidents and incidents, there is usually a lot of evidence to collect and gather. In most auto vehicle accidents, you are going to want to take photos and videos of the scene and get contact information from witnesses. If it was something like a slip and fall, you want to make an accident report at the location where you experienced your injury. You also want to take photos of whatever caused your incident, whether that is a construction accident where you tripped over exposed wire that shouldn't have been loose or you are a pedestrian walking across the street and someone blew a red light and hit you. Evidence collection will help you strengthen your case.

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# #2

## Waiting to Get Medical Care

Medical attention needs to happen as soon as physically possible. If that means you are swept away in an ambulance after your bicycle accident and taken to the emergency room, that's what needs to happen. You can also visit an urgent care if you don't feel like you should go to the emergency room. Even minor injuries need to be looked at as soon as possible so that you can avoid making your injuries worse. Having immediate medical attention allows for your case to be strong in the sense that the insurance company that is responsible for compensating you for your damages won't say that you lied about how you got your injuries or how severe they were.

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# #3

## Giving the Insurance Company a Recorded Statement



Shortly after your accident the insurance company representing the liable party is going to likely reach out to you in hopes of you providing them a recorded statement regarding the accident in question. You've no legal obligation to give them this kind of statement and you really should not. They use this recorded statement as a tool to save themselves money by getting you to say things that can allow them to decrease the value of your claim or throw it out altogether. Seemingly innocuous answers to their questions can be twisted against you to ruin your own claim. Don't give them any reason to do this and let your lawyer handle the communication between your side and the insurance company.

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# #4

## Not Following Up with Necessary Medical Treatment



Doctors give advice to their patients so that their healing can happen and they can reach maximum medical recovery as soon as possible. When you ignore this advice by, for example, not attending physical therapy for an injury or not limiting your activity while you heal, the insurance company can get their hands on proof of this and use it against you when you are trying to get a compensation award for your damages. By simply following the instructions that your doctors give you, you are strengthening your case and are ensuring that your well-being is being looked after.

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# #5

## Hiring the Wrong Lawyer

The wrong lawyer would be for example someone who tells you at the first consultation that they are going to get you X amount of dollars and makes you a lot of promises. You likely won't hear from the lawyer themselves and you will hear from people answering the phone for them. The wrong lawyer is also going to want to get you to settle as quickly as possible rather than getting you to settle for something as fair and as full as possible. Talk to someone who has proven experience and success with your particular personal injury case type. You are going to be spending a considerable amount of time with these lawyers so you want to have the ability to form a good working relationship with them and you want to put your trust in them to do a good job. Remember, you only get one chance at justice.

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## Not Hiring a Lawyer at All

There are two common misconceptions out there about lawyers. The first is that lawyers are expensive. The way it works with personal injury lawyers is you don't pay anything, not even a penny, unless they win your case for you. At that point, they take a percentage of the compensation word as their legal fees. In essence, you don't pay out-of-pocket for their service for you. The next misconception is that lawyers are an unnecessary part of an accident case but it couldn't be less true. They have extensive knowledge and experience regarding cases like yours that makes their service invaluable to you and the success of your case.

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# #7

## Waiting too Long to Do Anything

In Florida, for most personal injury cases, you have a four-year statute of limitations. This means after four years from the date of your accident you are no longer eligible for compensation for your damages. The sooner you act the better. Ideally, you should act immediately after you've been involved in an accident. Calling a lawyer right away ensures that your evidence does not disappear and your witnesses don't forget key elements of your case that could help you really win this. Reach out to Paul Boone, our Jacksonville personal injury lawyer, as soon as you possibly can and don't delay.

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# Conclusion



If you want strong and fierce representation from a Jacksonville personal injury lawyer who cares about you as a client and the success of your case, please reach out to Paul Boone today to set up a free initial consultation. You deserve justice and we want to fight for you to get that.

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