

# What to Do After a Car Accident in Nashville

## Protect Your Health, Your Rights, and Your Injury Claim from the Start

A [car crash in Nashville](#) can turn your life upside down in seconds. Whether it happens on I-24, in the Gulch, or at a neighborhood intersection in [Goodlettsville](#), one reckless moment can leave you injured, out of work, and buried in medical bills. To make matters worse, the insurance company often treats you like a number, looking for ways to reduce your settlement or blame you for what happened.

At the [Law Office of Eric Beasley](#), we've seen what families go through after a serious crash. The pain. The uncertainty. The pressure to settle fast. That's why we tell every client the same thing: what you do in the hours, days, and weeks after a wreck can have a major impact on your injury claim. Here's what to know—and how to protect yourself.

## Get Medical Attention, Even If You Feel Okay

The shock of a crash can mask serious injuries. It's common for people to walk away from a wreck feeling shaken but "fine," only to wake up the next day in pain, or discover weeks later they suffered a [concussion](#), soft tissue injury, or internal damage.

Getting medical care right away is the most important thing you can do. First, it protects your health. Second, it creates a medical record that connects your injuries to the accident. Without that record, the [insurance company](#) may argue your injuries were unrelated or not serious enough to justify a payout.

Even if paramedics clear you at the scene, follow up with a doctor as soon as possible. Keep all your appointments. And if your symptoms worsen, don't tough it out—go back for evaluation.

## Call the Police and Make Sure a Report Is Filed

According to the [Tennessee Department of Safety & Homeland Security](#), you are required to report a car accident that causes injury, death, or over \$1,500 in property damage. In practice, that means nearly every crash should be reported. If you're in Nashville, call the Metro Nashville Police Department. In surrounding areas, such as Goodlettsville or Hendersonville, contact the local department or call 911 for assistance.

When officers arrive, give a clear, factual account of what happened—but don't guess or speculate. If you're not sure about something, say so. The [police report](#) will become a key piece of evidence in your case, especially if the other driver denies fault.

Attorney Eric Beasley and his dedicated legal team have helped countless clients obtain crash reports, correct inaccuracies, and use them to support successful claims.

## Document the Scene if You're Able

If you're not seriously hurt and it's safe to do so, use your phone to gather evidence at the scene. This may include:

- Photos of all vehicles, damage, license plates, and skid marks
- Wide-angle shots showing traffic signals, signage, and road conditions
- Injuries visible at the scene
- Any debris, broken glass, or deployed airbags
- The other driver's license and insurance card

This kind of evidence can disappear quickly. Road crews clear debris, vehicles get towed, and memories fade. If witnesses saw the crash, try to get their contact information in case your lawyer needs to follow up later.

### **Avoid Apologizing or Admitting Fault**

Even something as simple as saying "I'm sorry" can be used against you later. After a crash, emotions run high. You may be shaken up or trying to be polite, but it's important to avoid making any statements that could be misinterpreted as accepting blame.

Tennessee follows a modified comparative fault system. That means if you're found to be 50% or more at fault, you can't recover damages. If you're less than 50% at fault, your compensation can be reduced. That's why it's critical to let the facts—and your attorney—do the talking.

### **Notify Your Insurance Company Promptly**

You'll need to report the crash to your insurer, but be careful what you say. Stick to the basics—time, location, vehicle info—and avoid giving a recorded statement or speculating about who caused the crash. If the other driver's insurer calls you, you're not required to speak with them. In fact, it's often best to let your attorney handle all communication.

At the Law Office of Eric Beasley, we deal with insurance adjusters every day. We know the tactics they use to delay, deny, or underpay claims—and we don't let clients get pushed around.

### **Don't Post About Your Accident on Social Media**

It's natural to want to update friends and family after a traumatic event, but anything you post online could be used against you. Insurance companies and defense attorneys often look through social media for photos, comments, or tags they can twist to question your injuries.

Even a photo of you at a family gathering could be taken out of context to argue you're not as hurt as you claim. Play it safe. Stay offline until your case is resolved.

### **Talk to a Car Accident Lawyer Before Accepting Any Settlement**

After a crash, the other driver's insurance company may offer you a quick settlement. It might seem like a relief—especially if you're facing medical bills or missed work—but it's rarely the full amount you're owed.

Once you accept a settlement, you can't go back for more, even if new symptoms appear or you need additional treatment. A Nashville car accident lawyer can review your case, calculate what it's really worth, and fight for the full compensation you deserve.

### **Common Injuries We See After Nashville Car Accidents**

Attorney Beasley has handled thousands of injury claims across Middle Tennessee. Some of the most common—and costly—injuries include:

- Neck and back injuries (including [whiplash](#) and disc damage)
- Concussions and traumatic brain injuries (TBIs)
- Broken bones
- Internal bleeding or organ damage
- Knee, shoulder, and joint injuries
- Emotional distress and PTSD

Even if your injuries seem minor at first, the long-term impact can be serious. That's why we push hard to get clients the compensation they need for medical care, lost income, pain, and future needs.

### **Why Having a Local Tennessee Lawyer Makes a Difference**

Big national firms may claim to handle car accident cases in Nashville, but they don't live here—and they don't know the courts, the roads, or the people. Eric Beasley grew up in Middle Tennessee. He knows the neighborhoods. He knows the traffic patterns. And he knows what it takes to win cases in Davidson, Sumner, and the surrounding counties.

When you hire a local lawyer who knows the system and the players involved, you're not just another case file. You're part of the community—and part of the team.

### **Call Eric Beasley for Straight Talk and Real Results**

Getting hurt in a serious car wreck can feel overwhelming, but you don't have to go through it alone. Whether you're recovering from serious injuries or struggling with the insurance runaround, the Law Office of Eric Beasley is here to help.

We've [recovered millions](#) for Tennessee crash victims, and we don't back down from a fight. We'll listen to your story, answer your questions, and build a case that gets results—without the empty promises or runaround.

[Contact us today](#) for a free consultation. Let's get started on your case and get you on the road to recovery.