

# MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT CHECKLIST

- 1 Listen/Observe.**  
Pay attention to what the other person involved in the accident says and does at the accident scene. Especially take note if they say things like, “I wasn’t watching,” or “It was my fault,” or “I didn’t see you.”
- 2 Do not say anything that could put you at fault.**  
Never say, “It was my fault,” or “I lost control of my bike.” Law enforcement and emergency room staff will ask you questions about the accident. Focus on what the other driver did or did not do. Keep your answers honest, simple and short.
- 3 Go to the emergency room.**  
It is essential that you have your injuries checked by medical professionals. The ER doctors and nurses can determine the extent of your injuries and help you minimize your pain and deal with your injuries.
- 4 Follow up with your physician.**  
A few days after your visit to the emergency room, follow up with your regular physician. Be sure to tell your doctor of any sources of pain. Keep all appointments with your doctor or any specialists.
- 5 Do not talk about the accident with anyone, including your doctor.**  
Assume that any statements you make about the accident will be written down and can be used later in court. Simply talk about your injuries and any pain you may be suffering.
- 6 Take a lot of photos.**  
If your injuries are visible (black and blue marks or open wounds, for example), take photos of them. Take photos of your damaged bike. Take photographs of your injuries on a weekly basis for as long as they are visible. Images help tell the story better than words if your matter goes to trial.
- 7 Keep a journal.**  
Write down your problems and pain caused by the accident and resulting injuries. This will help you tell your story to the jury if the case goes to trial. They will need to hear how your injuries hindered your daily life and kept you from doing what you normally would do.