

## CASE CRITERIA ACCEPTANCE

### Criteria for Auto Accident Representation

#### Auto Accident Type & Criteria:

- **Rear-End Collision**
  - **Criteria:** Automatically sign the client. Police report not required.
- **Red Light Dispute**
  - **Criteria:** Representation contingent upon availability of a police report.
- **Multi-Vehicle Accident**
  - **Criteria:** Sign the client if their vehicle was not at the rear of the incident.
- **Parking Lot Collision**
  - **Criteria:** Sign only if a police report is available documenting the incident.
- **Single-Vehicle Accident i.e. client hit a tree**
  - **Criteria:** Do not sign.
- **Bus-Related Collision**
  - **Criteria:** Sign the client.
- **Hit and Run**
  - **Criteria:** Sign only if there is video evidence of the incident or identification of the other vehicle (e.g., license plate number).
- **Stop Sign Violation**
  - **Criteria:** Sign only if police documentation supports the client's claim, identifying another party as at fault.
- **Accidents Occurring Over 2 Years Prior**
  - **Criteria:** Do not sign due to statute of limitations concerns. If accident happened 2 or more years ago
- **Lack of Immediate Medical Consultation**
  - **Criteria:** Do not sign unless the incident involves a commercial vehicle or exceptional circumstances. A good gauge is 2 to 3 months after the accident.

### Criteria for Semi Truck or Work Truck Representation

Sign if the case is a rear end or has a police report citing the other defendant at fault\*

Even if minor injuries still sign as long as they are willing to go get checked out

### Essential Intake Questions

- **Date of Accident:**
  - *Objective:* Confirm the accident date to ensure it falls within the statutory timeframe for legal action.
- **Accident Details:**

- *Objective:* Obtain a comprehensive description of the accident to evaluate the feasibility of successful legal representation.
- **Police Report Confirmation:**
  - *Objective:* Verify the existence of a police report, which is critical for supporting the claim of fault.
- **Medical Attention Post-Accident:**
  - *Objective:* Ascertain whether the client sought medical attention post-accident, critical for substantiating injury claims also ask how long after the accident it took them to go to treatment.
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- **Ask if they have any photos, videos, or witness statement from a neutral 3<sup>rd</sup> party from the accident “neutral means” they were not a part of the accident.**

- **Premises Liability Case Acceptance Criteria**

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- **Slip and Fall Incidents**

- **Criteria:** Accept if there is clear evidence of hazardous conditions that the property owner knew or should have known about.

- **Inadequate Building Security Leading to Injury or Assault**

- **Criteria:** Accept if there is evidence of neglect in providing adequate security measures.

- **Elevator and Escalator Accidents**

- **Criteria:** Accept only if they have severe injuries and if the accident was within 6 months

- **Dog Bites and Animal Attacks on Property**

- **Criteria:** Accept if the animal belongs to the property owner and **there** was no provocation by the client.

- **Swimming Pool Accidents**

- **Criteria:** Accept if there is a lack of proper fencing, signage, or supervision that contributed to the accident. (must have went to the hospital or died)

- **Exposure to Toxic Substances (Do not sign)**

- **Criteria:** Accept if there is proof that the property owner was aware of the presence of hazardous materials and failed to act.

- **Amusement Park Accidents**

- **Criteria:** Accept if the incident is related to operational negligence or failure to maintain equipment and person went to the hospital or suffered severe injuries.

- **Retail Store Injuries**

- **Criteria:** Accept if injuries were caused by poor store layout, falling merchandise, or neglected spillages. (must have filed an incident report, and went to the hospital and had severe injuries i.e. broken leg, foot, arm etc.
- **Accidents Involving Children**
- **Criteria:** Accept if the injury occurred due to inadequate safety measures or supervision on the property.
- **Ice and Snow Accidents (Do not sign)**
- **Criteria:** Accept if the property owner failed to adequately remove snow or ice within a reasonable time frame after a weather event.

### **Key Intake Questions**

- **Incident Description:**
- *Objective:* Obtain a detailed account of the incident to assess the condition of the premises at the time of the accident.
- **Owner's Knowledge and Actions:**
- *Objective:* Determine whether the property owner was aware of the hazardous condition and their response or lack thereof.
- **Witness Information:**
- *Objective:* Collect contact information of any witnesses who can corroborate the client's account of the incident.
- **Medical Treatment:**
- *Objective:* Confirm if the client received medical treatment and the extent of the injuries sustained.
- **Photographic Evidence:**
- *Objective:* Ensure that photographs or video evidence of the hazardous condition and the accident scene are available.
- **Previous Complaints/Incidents:**
- *Objective:* Investigate whether there have been previous complaints or incidents related to the condition that caused the accident.