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WHAT TO DO AFTER A MICHIGAN CAR ACCIDENT DEATH

12 Steps To Take If Someone You Love Dies In A Michigan Car Accident

There is no way to prepare for the tragedy of a fatal car accident, and, unfortunately, there is a lot to be done even during the initial period of shock and disbelief.

When experiencing such a wide range of emotions, knowing exactly what you need to do will make the process less stressful.

Below is a checklist of the things to do immediately after a fatal Michigan car accident:

1. Contact the immediate family to let them know the terrible news.
2. Determine if the decedent had a will or if there were any preferences for funeral arrangements.
3. Agree upon a type of funeral and burial and begin planning. Don't be afraid to ask to the specific costs to make sure that is affordable for the family.
4. Select a date for the funeral and notify all friends and family.
5. Prepare an obituary for both the newspaper and the funeral service.
6. Investigate if the decedent had a life insurance policy or other policy that provided for funeral and burial expenses.
7. Find out if the decedent had an auto insurance policy. The Michigan No-Fault Insurance laws provide for survivor loss benefits and partial payment of funeral and burial expenses, even if the accident was caused by the person who died.
8. There may be no-fault insurance available even if the accident victim did not have an auto insurance policy, or even own a car. Our experienced attorneys will get this information for you.
9. Gather all medical and hospital expenses that were incurred after the accident. Under no-fault insurance laws, you must submit them to the auto insurance company for reimbursement.
10. Speak with our car accident attorneys to find out if the family can file a wrongful death lawsuit against the negligent party that caused the accident. It is

important to do this as soon as possible so that investigation into the cause of the accident can be started.

11. Notify all government agencies of the death, including Medicare, social security, and the motor vehicle bureau. Stop checks until all issues are sorted out. Also, notify banks and credit cards of the death so that no improper or unauthorized withdrawals or charges are made to accounts.
12. Notify all credit reporting agencies to eliminate possible identify fraud and theft.

When choosing your Michigan car accident lawyer, you need the best lawyer to assist you with the insurance filing process and to ensure that legal deadlines are met. Our top-rated lawyers will represent you under our no-fee promise – if we do not obtain a settlement for you, you owe us nothing!

For more information about your legal rights after someone you love died in a fatal Michigan auto accident, call our law firm at (800) 606-1717 to speak with an experienced car accident attorney.

