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Seatbelt Laws In Utah

In Utah, a car crash occurs every 8 minutes. Every 20 minutes, someone is injured in a car accident and every 33 hours somebody dies in a car crash. Every time you step into your vehicle you are putting yourself at risk of serious injury, or worse. What can you do to help prevent injury in the unfortunate event you do get into a car accident?

Buckle Up! Seat belts can decrease your risk of injury and death when you get into a car.

Utah lawmakers believe that seat belts are so important to car safety that they created a specific law addressing their use. The law was instituted in Utah on April 28th, 1986, and states that all passengers in a car must wear a seatbelt. Not buckling up can result in a 45 dollar fine and a secondary offense on your record.

Why should you even wear a seatbelt? Wearing a seatbelt is the single most effective safety device to protect against serious injury and death. Seat belts are also extremely important for children. A properly fitted seat belt can actually save a child's life in the case of an accident. It is also important to note that according to Utah State law, all children ages 8 or under are required to sit in a properly fitted car seat or booster seat, and failure to comply with these rules can result in the same fine and penalties. You never know what can happen when you get into your car, so the first thing you should do is buckle your seatbelt! It could save your life.



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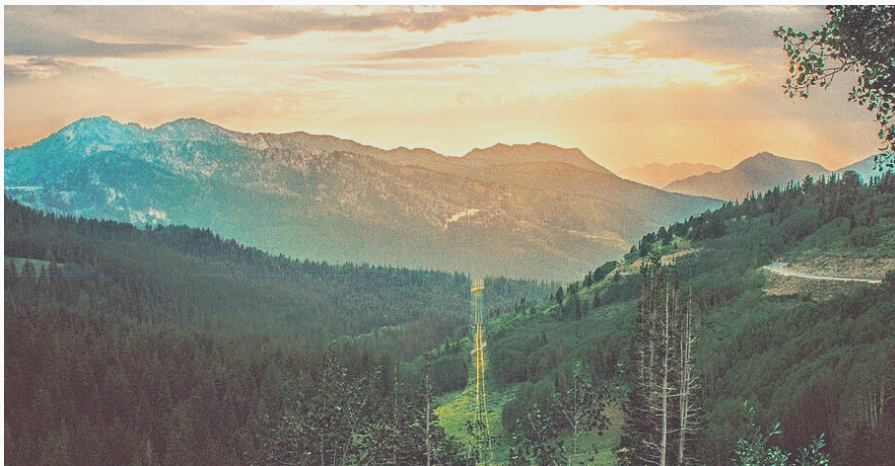
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Non-Citizen Rights in a Car Accident

No matter what country you were born in, you have rights in the United States if you have been in a motor vehicle accident. Your current legal status, when it comes to seeking compensation for injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident, does not affect whether you can file a personal injury claim or not. Whether you hold a green card or you are undocumented, you have the same right as every American to file a personal injury lawsuit without the fear of deportation.



If you are a noncitizen, or a nondocumented worker, state laws and regulations do not allow discrimination against you when you seek compensation for injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Permanent residents are treated the same as citizens. You can file a personal injury claim and obtain a state issued driver's license. If you are a non-permanent resident, you may not be entitled to a state driver's license. Even without a license you can still file a personal injury claim if you were injured in an accident and it was not your fault.

It is very important to know and spread the word that even those who are undocumented and have no driver's license can file an insurance claim for personal injury. If you've been injured in an accident and it was not your fault, we can help. Any automobile occupant who sustains injuries in a car accident has the right to bring a claim for compensation for the injuries they received, regardless of their current legal status. If you've been injured in a car accident, call LifeLaw for help. We are your Salt Lake law firm, here to guide and assist you every step of the way.

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