

Car Accident Lawyer: Being a Pedestrian in a Hit and Run Accident

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Accidents don't happen to just those in vehicles; it can even happen to people walking on the road. According to statistics on the website of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 5,376 pedestrians were [killed in car accidents](#) in the US in the year 2015, and around 129,000 pedestrians were injured and treated in hospitals.

Though everyone who does not follow traffic rules is at risk, there are times, negligence of drivers cause accidents. The website also points that older citizens and children are at a higher risk of being hit.

All accidents are bad, but when the driver just hits someone who was walking by and runs away instead of helping the victim, it is inhumane.

Laws stipulate that the driver who has caused the accident intentionally or not has to stop and help the victim as well as share his or her contact details and other information with the police and the victim. In case of hit and run accidents, you are left without this important information which means the chances of you getting a deserving claim is weaker.

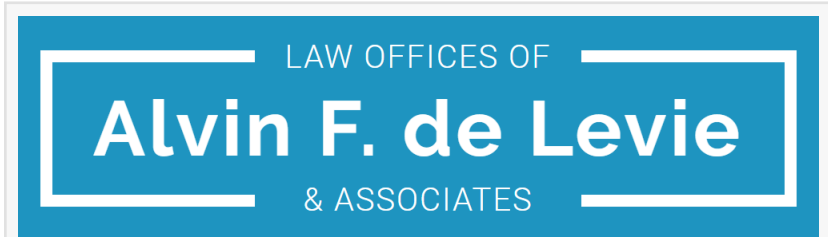
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Many hit and run victims are uninformed about their rights, which can make it that much harder for them to get a deserving claim.”

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Things you need to do if you are a victim of a hit and run accident

First, whenever you are walking alongside a road, even if on the footpath, be careful and alert. Always follow traffic rules and no matter how late you may get, as a pedestrian always be patient and wait for your turn and when the pedestrian signal is green, cross the



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street.

As said, a hit and run accident would mean the driver is at large, so there is no one who you can file a case against him/her. It does not mean you have no other option but to let go of the case.

Thus, the first thing you should do is inform the police. Their report and investigation will be crucial to your case. Most of the time, drivers in such accidents are nabbed.

If you are in a possible to get witnesses' details, try to get it and also take photographs as well. If you could had a chance to take down the registration plate of the car, then great or else at least try to note down the color and the make of the car. This could also help in getting some leads about the car driver.

Get medical treatment as soon as possible because your well-being is more important than anything else. Get the services of a car accident lawyer as well because unlike other accidents, a hit and run accident is more complex and you will need all the legal options available. There is also the insurance company that you need to deal with.

In case of severe injuries, you will need good treatment for a long period. The insurance claim may not always suffice and you may have to look if other options are available. A personal injury lawyer has the expertise on such accidents and will help you to figure out the most viable option.

The trauma of a car accident can take a long time to heal, and if there are grievous injuries as well, then it could be difficult for you to run around collecting evidence. An auto accident attorney has handled such cases before, and they will know what best can be done to help you. Let a [personal injury attorney](#) take care of your case while you recuperate.

If you have been a victim of a hit and run case, you already have a lot on your plate. Talk to our expert legal advisors and find out what's best in your case. Give us a call at 888-534-3077 or head to our website and receive a free case review.

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