

Accident on Highway 12 leaves 1 dead and 2 injured

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Kirstin Aksnes, from Fairfield died in a **car accident** that happened on Highway 12 just east of the Sacramento County Line on Wednesday. She was travelling on eastbound Highway 12 at about 5:25 a.m. when for an unknown reason, her 2001 Volkswagen drifted to the left and into the westbound lanes near the Brannan Island Road intersection, where it collided with a big rig driven by a 45-year-old Huron man. Both vehicles veered off the roadway. The truck rolled over onto its right side into a ditch north of the highway. Ms. Aksnes was pronounced dead at the scene. The truck driver and a female passenger were taken to Lodi Memorial Hospital for treatment. The **California accident** remains under investigation.

Although it is still in the early stages of investigation, initial reports indicate the sole responsible party is Ms. Aksnes. Injured victims of car accidents always have to deal with a number of issues following each car crash. It is very important to find medical attention immediately. You always have to get documentation of your treatment and prognosis as soon as you can. Seek follow-up attention to eliminate the risk of subtle injuries that go unnoticed. Talk to your insurer as required, but don't discuss potential accident causes. Consult with your lawyer first. Do not talk to any other insurance companies, and do not settle out of court without legal advice.

Anyone seriously injured in a **Sacramento auto accident** has a number of serious issues to deal with after a collision like this. First, the legal responsibility for the collision must be determined. Sometimes that requires investigation beyond what is contained in the police report. Second, the medical bills must be paid. Even if there is health insurance to pay for the bills initially, the health insurance company will likely seek reimbursement from any liability

insurance recovery. That means that the health insurance company will be competing for money that otherwise would go to the injured victim. Third, when there are multiple people injured in a crash, they will often be competing for a proportional share of a limited amount of insurance money. Lastly, insurance companies will do whatever they can to avoid paying fair compensation for not only medical bills, but lost income and pain and suffering as well.

Because of these and many other issues, injury victims involved in an injury accident like this are strongly urged to consult with an experienced **California Personal Injury Attorney** who will make sure that your rights are protected and that you are dealt with fairly.

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