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## New Bike-Crash Hotline Created To Help Direct Panicked Riders During Time Of Need

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Anytime you swing yourself onto a bike, you are at risk for getting hit by the vehicles you share the road with. Children riding bikes are at a heightened risk for bicycle collisions given the fact that they are more difficult to see and frequently ride bikes on sidewalks where car drivers may not expect to see them as they pull into a driveway or out of an alley.

Frequently, injured bikers have questions about what they can-- and should do following a collision with a car. The moments following a crash can leave emotions running high and nerves frayed.

In this sense, I was happy to see an **article** written by Mary Misniewski of the Chicago Sun Times, "Helping bike-crash victims stay cool" about a new hot-line established by Active Transportation Alliance for people who were involved in a bike crash or pedestrians who were hit by a car.

By the hot-lines own admission, it is not intended to take the place of a call to 911 for immediate medical attention following a crash. Rather, the hot-line provides immediate advice to frequently encountered situations following a bicycle accident. The hot-line also allows callers to leave a message for staff to return the calls.

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Hot-line workers can help answer specific questions from bike-crash victims as well as direct them to attorneys who frequently represent people injured in bike crashes. The bike crash hot-line is (312) 869-HELP (4357).

As a lawyer who has represented many adults and children who have been injured in bicycle-related crashes, I strongly support the creation of this service. However, I encourage all victims of bike accidents to consult with a lawyer as soon as feasible after an accident as possible. Early, legal consultation can help secure valuable crash-related evidence and frequently help position your case for the best possible outcome via settlement or trial.

Most bicycle crash lawyers will provide this initial service for no charge and only receive payment when-- and if there is a recovery for the client.

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