

# CHICAGO PERSONAL INJURY FAQS

Below is general information regarding personal injury based upon our experience and Illinois law. Because every case is different, you should always consult an experienced and skilled Illinois personal injury attorney for legal and practical advice on these issues. The trial lawyers at Willens Law Offices aggressively fight for the compensation that victims and their families need and deserve.

How do I know if I have a personal injury case? How much time do I have to file a claim? How much will it cost? Should I contact an attorney? Has your firm ever done a case like mine? Do I really need a lawyer?

## 1. How do I know if I have a personal injury case?

Whether you have a viable personal injury case depends on many factors. At a minimum, you should be able to prove that you or a loved one suffered injury due to the negligence or fault of a person or a company. This is true whether you are dealing with a claim involving personal injury from a transportation accident, a worksite mishap, medical malpractice or other forms of negligence. Contact the experienced Illinois personal injury attorneys at Willens Law Offices for more specific advice regarding your case.

#### 2. How much time do I have to file a claim?

The time limit, or statute of limitations, during which you must file a claim, varies greatly according to the type of case and the location. It's always best to consult with an attorney as soon as soon as possible - and he or she can evaluate your particular situation to determine the time sensitivity of your case.



# 3. How much will it cost?

We provide <u>free</u>, no-obligation, confidential consultations. We do not charge for our services unless and until we collect the compensation for our clients and their families that they need and deserve. Furthermore, we advance all the costs of handling our cases.

## 4. Has your firm ever done a case like mine?

The award winning lawyers of Willens Law Offices have recovered millions of dollars for our clients. Our attorneys have experience in multiple areas of personal injury law - and we can help. Please see our <u>results</u> and <u>testimonials</u> for additional information.

#### 5. Will I have to go to trial?

Many cases never even require the filing of a lawsuit and settle as a claim. Others require a lawsuit and a settlement is reached prior to trial. A skilled attorney can often help you to receive a favorable settlement without a trial. However, other cases do go all the way to trial - and it may be necessary to obtain the best possible outcome for the client.

# 6. Do I really need a lawyer?

An attorney can help protect your rights in a case involving personal injury. A recent study found that claimants represented by lawyers received on average two to three times more than unrepresented claimants did. If you or a loved one has suffered an injury due to the fault of another, your best bet is to contact an attorney immediately for a free confidential consultation. You are not obligated to file a claim, but an experienced lawyer can offer advice about your options and then you can decide whether or not to pursue legal action.