

Fleeing a Hit-and-Run Accident

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Imagine this: you are driving your vehicle when you slam into another motorist (or worse, a pedestrian). As soon as you come to your senses, you realize that the accident is likely your fault. You are horrified at the thought that you might have injured or even killed another person.

Now is the moment of truth. What do you do?

It's perfectly understandable to feel the urge to get away from this tragedy as fast as you can. Humans are ingrained with a fight-or-flight response to stress, and fleeing the scene of an accident is a natural extension of that instinct that we all possess.

Don't do it.

[Leaving the scene of an injury accident](#) is a felony in Nevada that is punishable by a minimum of two years in prison (and up to 15 years of incarceration) as well as a fine of between \$2,000 and \$5,000. In addition, such a reaction increases the odds that a jury will find you at fault in any subsequent [personal injury lawsuit](#) or [wrongful death lawsuit](#) (even if it turns out that you are not as liable as you think you are).

Two [hit-and-run accidents](#) occurred this month in Las Vegas. A woman who rear-ended a pickup truck on Interstate 15 [fled the scene](#) in her Mercedes and is now being sought by police. The pickup [slammed into a sport utility vehicle](#), killing its driver. The suspect is believed to be [31-year old Natalie Dubuisson](#).

And [this past weekend](#), the family of National Guardsman Ronald Grimes mourned his death at a memorial service. The 21-year old motorcyclist was killed in Las Vegas after being hit by a pickup truck that swerved into his lane. The driver of the truck [fled the scene](#) and police continue to search for him. Ironically, Grimes' daughter Lei'anna was born on the day of his memorial service.

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