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Tips If you were hit by a drunk driver

- Police support: ask the police or District Attorney's office to keep you informed. You want to know what charges are filed against the drunk driver and the time, date and location of any court hearings. You have the right to be present. Ask the police what the "BAC" (Blood Alcohol Content) of the drunk driver was.
- Find out where the drunk driver was drinking! This is key. If the drunk driver was served alcohol at a bar or restaurant, or somewhere with a liquor license, that place may be responsible for civil damages. This means you may have a right to recover damages for your injuries and losses against the establishment that served the drunk driver. If the bar served the defendant while he/she was "visibly intoxicated", the bar is responsible if that was a cause of the crash that injured you. This can be very important especially if the drunk driver is not adequately insured.
- If the drunk driver was served at a bar or other establishment: witnesses and evidence are critical. Consider using a private investigator to contact witnesses. Consider contacting the PA Liquor Control Board. You can search for liquor licensees on their website:
  http://www.lcbapps.lcb.state.pa.us/webapp/Agency/SearchCenter/PublicLicenseeSearchStart.asp
  You may also want to contact the PA State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement:
  http://www.lce.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/hide_-_liquor_control_enforcement/5900
  You can request information about previous violations by the bar under the Right to Know Laws.

- Remember to get any photos you think would be helpful: of the cars involved in the accident, the location of the accident, any injuries you have.
- You have the right to make a victim impact statement at the sentencing hearing of the drunk driver. The Police or D.A. will give you a form for this.
- Consider calling Mothers Against Drunk Driving. They are a great resource and offer free victim support. (610) 825-4903 or via their website:
  http://www.madd.org/local-offices/pa/southeastern.html

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