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Of all the car accidents in the U.S. each year, nearly one-third involves multi-vehicle collisions, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). It is hard to say which hit caused the most injury in a multi car crash. The lightest strike can cause the most harm given the right timing and the position of the car's occupants.

While the negligence of one driver can set off a chain reaction, multi car crashes can also involve several instances of carelessness from multiple drivers. These types of incidents are notoriously more deadly than two-car collisions, and many people, including passengers in several cars may sustain injuries. Getting justice for the victims in these cases is particularly challenging. There are several things you can do to help protect your rights after a multi-vehicle collision.

What to do at the Scene of the Accident

- Get insurance information from all the drivers involved.
- Contact the police and make a report of the incident.
- Collect contact information from witnesses.
- Take photos of the scene including vehicle damage and debris, injuries, skid marks, and traffic lights and signs. Taking photos from multiple angles will help to recreate the scene later.
- If you are injured, contact a qualified personal injury attorney as soon as possible to help preserve and record all of the evidence. Remember that over time, memories fade. It is impossible to get statements from witness and explain what happened if you wait too long!

Who's at Fault?

Determining who is at fault is usually the biggest issue in chain reaction crashes. While 100% of fault may belong to a driver who is the first car to rear-end another car in a line of cars, there are often other issues involved, like bad weather, road construction or design, distracted driving, drunk driving, or overly aggressive driving.

In Missouri, drivers who are negligent are responsible to accident victims for their losses. It is crucial to have all of the negligent parties in a claim to recover all of the damages you suffer. In a multi-car crash, more skill is required to hold all of the proper parties responsible.

How can a Missouri Car Accident Attorney Help?

A qualified personal injury attorney knows how to collect the puzzle pieces and assemble them to tell the story of what happened. Getting the whole story is the first step to putting the victim back to where they were before the injury. This may include assembling accident reconstruction experts, medical professionals and in some cases, trucking practices experts to paint a complete picture.

Contact Us

The most valuable asset to have on your side is a qualified and experienced Missouri car accident attorney. The St. Louis personal injury lawyers at The S.E. Farris Law Firm can help protect your rights after a multi-vehicle accident. Call 314-A-LAWYER (314-252-9937) today for a free consultation.