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One of the challenges of caring for children is that they don't often recognize danger when they see it. This is why we go to such lengths to keep an eye on our children at all times. When we leave them in someone else's care, we reasonably expect the same level of commitment. Unfortunately, accidents still happen, and many of these accidents are the result of negligence. If your child has been injured, their future is at stake. Fortunately, you do not have to face this alone. A Raleigh child injury attorney can help you hold the negligent parties accountable and obtain the compensation you need to rebuild your child's future.

# Work with a Raleigh Child Injury Lawyer Who Handles All Types of Cases

Every accident is different with unique facts and circumstances. This is especially the case with child injury claims – understanding what may have occurred and how the law applies is critical in determining whether you have a claim. Even if you aren't sure you want to pursue a claim, a Raleigh child injury lawyer can provide some clarity and guidance to help you move forward.

#### **Birth Injuries**

Birth injuries are a type of medical malpractice that occurs during the birth process that results in injury to a child. These injuries can be caused by the misuse of birthing devices or the failure to adequately monitor the baby's vital signs. Oxygen deprivation is another common cause of birth injuries, which has been linked to cerebral palsy. The injuries your child suffers during birth could result in permanent disabilities or could require extensive medical treatment and follow-up care to make a full recovery.

#### Injuries on Someone Else's Property

Children are curious and like to explore, often leading them to go places that they aren't supposed to be. While trespassers cannot pursue claims for compensation, children are an exception to the rule if you can prove that the property contained an "attractive nuisance." An attractive nuisance is anything that the property owner would reasonably expect to attract children, such as a body of water.

#### Defective Products and Toys

Many consumer products present unique hazards to children, such as crushing, burn, and choking hazards. These products are deemed defective if they are unreasonably dangerous to children when used for their intended purpose. Furthermore, you may be entitled to compensation if you can prove that the product was defective in design or due to the way it was manufactured or if the manufacturer failed to warn consumers of known hazards. These claims can be very difficult for non-lawyers to pursue because they require a great deal of technical expertise and often involve challenging a global corporation. For this reason, we recommend that you contact a Raleigh child injury lawyer as soon as possible if your child has been injured by a defective product.

#### Daycare Negligence

When you leave your child at daycare, you assume that they will make a reasonable effort to keep them safe. Unfortunately, accidents happen all the time. While some of these accidents may be unavoidable, many of these are due to the following:

- Inadequate supervision
- Injuries caused by negligent maintenance of the facilities
- Negligent security
- Toxic chemicals or other unsafe substances that are accessible to children

If your child has suffered a serious injury at daycare, a Raleigh child injury lawyer can review your case and determine whether you have a claim.

#### **Playground Accidents**

Playground accidents are among the most common child injuries. While most playground injuries are minor, they still require medical attention. Broken bones, concussions, and torn ligaments and tendons are common playground injuries. These accidents can occur due to negligent supervision or because the playground equipment is defective or in poor repair. A Raleigh child injury lawyer can help you determine who should be held accountable for your child's injuries.

### What Your Claim May Be Worth

The damages available in child injury cases are often higher than those in other claims. If your child has been injured as a result of someone else's negligence, a Raleigh child injury lawyer can help you pursue a claim for the following losses:

- Your child's current medical expenses
- Your child's future medical expenses and costs for special care
- Your child's pain and suffering
- Any lost opportunities such as sports scholarships

Because children are young, the compensation for future medical costs and pain and suffering tend to be higher than in other claims. If your claim is successful, the compensation awarded will be held in trust until your child turns 18 years old.

## A Raleigh Child Injury Attorney at Martin & Jones Can Help You Put Your Family Back Together

At Martin & Jones, we understand how devastating it can be when your child suffers an injury. We also know that it can be overwhelming, leaving you with very little time to deal with insurance claims or some of the other difficult questions surrounding your child's injury. For that reason, we walk with our clients every step of the way, from investigating the accident to filing the insurance claim to pursuing litigation. If your child has been injured we can help – call us today at 800-662-1234 or contact us online to schedule a free consultation to disc

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