

Recently, the Raleigh area has seen [two serious accidents](#) that have resulted in serious injuries for the motorcyclists involved. One troubling detail that both accidents share is that the driver fled the scene in each case, leaving the motorcyclist injured on the road. Both drivers were apprehended and criminally charged. In addition to their hit-and-run charges, one driver also faces a DUI charge, and the other has been charged with operating a motor vehicle without a license.

These cases highlight some of the hazards that motorcyclists face every time they head out on the road. If you have been injured in a motorcycle accident, a [Raleigh accident lawyer](#) can help you put your life back together.

Motorcyclists and Hit-and-Run Accidents

While statistics are difficult to come by, motorcyclists seem to be especially at risk for being injured in a hit-and-run accident. Some of these incidents include accidents where drivers force a motorcyclist off the road without even realizing it. In the cases noted above, the drivers likely fled the scene because they knew they were intoxicated or because they were driving without a license. Other incidents may occur because the driver knows the motorcyclist has likely suffered very serious injuries, whereas a similar accident with another car may be comparatively minor.

In any event, if you have been injured in a hit-and-run accident, pursuing a compensation claim may be difficult. Even if you never identify the at-fault driver, you will have to pursue the claim through your insurance company. While your medical bills may be covered, your lost income and other losses may not be. A Raleigh accident lawyer can help you investigate the accident and possibly identify the driver, as well as help you get the compensation you need to make a full recovery.

Criminal Charges vs. Your Claim

One thing that can be confusing to accident victims is the impact any criminal charges may have on your claim. Many victims think that they don't need to pursue a civil claim because the other driver is being criminally prosecuted. While a criminal conviction may bring a feeling of closure, it often does not result in compensation for your losses.

As a result, you can pursue your claim independent of any pending criminal charges. You do not need to wait until the criminal case is concluded, and you can even pursue your claim if the driver is found “not guilty.” If you have suffered serious injuries in a motorcycle accident, you should speak with a Raleigh accident lawyer as soon as possible, even if the other driver faces criminal prosecution.

Contact a Raleigh Accident Lawyer at Martin & Jones Today

In the event of an accident, motorcyclists are much more likely to suffer life-changing injuries that can leave you unable to work or take care of your family. If you’ve been injured in a motorcycle accident, a Raleigh accident lawyer from Martin & Jones can help you get the compensation you need to rebuild your life. Contact us today at 800-662-1234 to schedule a free consultation about your case.