

Dog Attack CHECKLIST



Evidence from the Scene

- Photographs and Video
- Dog Owner/Property Owner Names and Contact Info
- Copy of Animal Control Report
- Witness Statements
- Your Notes



Evidence of Injuries

- Ambulance Report
- Emergency Room/Urgent Care Report
- Test Reports
- Treatment Notes
- Your Injury Diary
- Statements of Others



Proof of Income

- Work Notes from Doctor
- Pay Stubs Prior to Crash
- Income Statement from Employer
(or Profit and Loss Statements if self-employed)



Evidence of Damages

- Ambulance Bill
- Emergency Room Bill (Hospital) and Emergency Room Doctor Bill
- Urgent Care Bill
- Treatment Bills
- Imaging Studies
- Therapy Bills
- Receipts (meds, crutches, etc.)
- Replacement Services Receipts
- Transportation Receipts or Mileage



Property Damage Evidence

- Picture of damaged item
- Repair or Replacement Cost of Personal Items (glasses, clothing, etc.)
- Proof of Value Before Fall



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How to Use Your Dog Attack CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to make sure you've collected as much evidence as possible to support your dog attack claim. Whether you handle your own claim or hire an attorney, you need evidence to prove the dog owner's fault and to prove the scope of your injuries.

Insurance payouts are calculated based on your injury treatment costs with an added amount for pain and suffering. You can maximize payment for your injuries with evidence showing the extent of your injuries and the impact of those injuries on your ability to work and daily activities.



Helpful Tips for Gathering Evidence

Immediately After the Dog Attack

- Get to a safe place away from the aggressive dog.
- Seek immediate medical attention; if paramedics are called, let them take care of you.
- Notify Animal Control of the attack.
- Get the names and contact information of any witnesses.
- Take as many photos and videos as you can of the dog, the location, and your injuries.
- Write down everything that happened before, during, and after the dog attack.
- Be prepared to cooperate with local authorities.

Evidence of Injuries

- Tell every medical provider who treats you exactly when and how you were injured.
- Get copies of all medical records, therapy records, and test reports.
- Keep an injury diary detailing your pain, emotions, and limitations caused by your injuries.
- Family or friends can provide statements about your pain, helplessness, and need for assistance during your recovery.
- Your diary and friend's statements will help support the value of your pain and suffering.

Proof of Damages

- Medical bills and receipts should reflect the full cost of treatment before any adjustments for Medicare, Medicaid, or private health insurance.
- Get itemized bills for every medical visit or therapy visit.
- Get receipts for the full cost of medications, bandages, etc.
- Transportation costs include parking fees and mileage or car fare for medical appointments.
- Damaged property may include glasses, clothing, cell phone, handbags, and more.