

Car Accidents Don't Take a Summer Break

Drivers face real risks on California roads—especially this time of year



Summer Is Peak Season for Serious Crashes

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, traffic deaths and injuries tend to spike. It's no coincidence. The summer brings more cars, motorcycles, bikes, and pedestrians out on the road. That means more risk—and more serious collisions.

Whether you're heading out on a weekend trip or just running errands, summer driving carries added danger. From teen drivers fresh out of school to out-of-town travelers unfamiliar with local roads, the conditions are stacked against you.

What Causes the Summer Spike in Accidents?

More cars on the road is part of the problem—but the bigger issue is behavior. During summer, we see a major uptick in the types of reckless or negligent actions that lead to crashes, including:

- **Speeding:** Long drives and open highways often lead to drivers pushing the limit.
- **Distracted driving:** Road trips mean more GPS use, phone distractions, and passengers.
- **Driving under the influence:** Holidays and parties can increase impaired driving.
- **Fatigued driving:** Extended travel can wear drivers down, leading to poor reaction times.
- **Teen drivers:** School's out, and less-experienced drivers are on the road more often.

Immediate Action Matters After a Crash

If you've been injured in an accident, the hours and days afterward are critical. Crash scenes get cleaned up quickly. Vehicles are towed and repaired. Witnesses forget key details. And the insurance company starts building its defense the moment they're notified.

The sooner you get a car accident attorney involved, the better your chances of recovering full compensation. At Clancy & Diaz, we act fast—because delays only help the other side.

Our team immediately begins gathering evidence, tracking down witnesses, reviewing police reports, and preparing your case. We handle the phone calls, the paperwork, and the pushback from the insurance company—so you can focus on getting better.

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All it takes is one of these factors to turn a normal day into a life-altering one.



Common Causes of Motorcycle Accidents in California

What every rider and driver
needs to know



Motorcycle Season Means More Risk on the Road

California offers some of the best riding weather in the country, but with more motorcycles on the road during the summer, there's also a sharp increase in serious crashes. Motorcyclists face a much higher risk of injury or death in a collision—and it's often due to mistakes made by other drivers.

Unlike car accidents, motorcycle crashes are rarely “minor.” Even a low-speed impact can cause life-changing injuries, from broken bones to traumatic brain injuries. Knowing what causes these wrecks—and how to hold the at-fault driver accountable—is critical if you've been hurt.

What Causes Most Motorcycle Accidents?

Drivers often say the same thing after hitting a motorcyclist: “I didn't see them.” But not seeing a rider doesn't mean they aren't responsible. In many cases, these crashes happen because the driver wasn't paying attention or failed to follow basic traffic rules.

Here are some of the most common causes of motorcycle wrecks we see across the Bay Area:

- **Left-turn accidents:** A driver makes a left turn at an intersection and cuts off a motorcyclist going straight.
- **Unsafe lane changes:** Drivers often fail to check their blind spots before merging, sideswiping, or pushing motorcyclists off the road.
- **Rear-end crashes:** Even a low-speed bump can throw a rider from their bike, leading to serious injury.
- **Distracted driving:** Texting, fiddling with the radio, or using GPS often causes drivers to drift into another lane or brake too late.
- **Following too closely:** Tailgating a motorcycle is extremely dangerous. Riders need more room to brake or avoid obstacles.

- **Dooring incidents:** In cities and neighborhoods, drivers sometimes open their doors without checking—right into a motorcyclist's path.

Motorcyclists have every right to use the road. When drivers don't respect that right, the consequences are often devastating.

After a Crash, the Blame Game Begins

One of the biggest challenges bikers face after a crash is bias. Insurance companies often assume the motorcyclist was the one being reckless—even when the evidence says otherwise.

That's where we come in. At Clancy & Diaz, we know how to investigate motorcycle accidents and cut through the noise. We gather facts, challenge assumptions, and build a case that clearly shows who was really at fault.

We Push Back So You Don't Have To

When you're recovering from an injury, the last thing you need is a fight with the insurance company. We handle that for you. From dealing with adjusters to calculating your losses, we take care of every detail so you can focus on healing.

We also know how to calculate the full value of your claim—not just your medical bills, but lost income, pain and suffering, and long-term effects that injured riders and passengers often face after a crash.

Clancy & Diaz Fights For Injured Riders

If you or a loved one has been hurt in a motorcycle accident, don't wait for the insurance company to play fair. Get a law firm that knows how to build strong cases and won't back down.

At Clancy & Diaz, LLP, we're not afraid of a tough fight—and we know how to win. Contact us today to find out how we can help you move forward.



How Long Will My Personal Injury Case Take?

What to expect—and why patience pays off

There's No One-Size-Fits-All Answer

After a serious accident, one of the first questions people ask is: “How long is this going to take?” It’s a fair question. You’re injured. You’re in pain. You’re dealing with medical bills, time away from work, and the stress of not knowing what comes next.

The truth is, personal injury cases can move fast—or take a long time—depending on several key factors. At Clancy & Diaz, we believe in being upfront about the process, while doing everything we can to move your case forward without cutting corners.

What Affects the Timeline?

There’s no exact clock for how long a personal injury case will last, but here are the biggest things that impact timing:

- **How serious are your injuries?** It’s usually best to wait until you reach what’s called maximum medical improvement before settling. That way, we know the full extent of your treatment and long-term needs.
- **Is liability clear?** If another party was clearly responsible for your injury, things may move faster. If the facts are in dispute, it takes time to gather evidence and prove what happened.
- **How cooperative is the insurance company?** Some insurers are willing to settle fairly. Others delay, deny, or try to downplay your injuries. That’s when things can get drawn out—and legal pressure becomes necessary.
- **Do we need to go to court?** Most cases settle before trial. But when the other side refuses to be fair, going to court can be the right move—even if it adds time.

Why Some Cases Take Longer—And Why That’s Not a Bad Thing

Insurance companies love to pressure injured people into quick settlements. But fast money rarely equals fair money. Rushing to settle means you could be left covering future medical costs out of pocket—long after your case is closed.

Our job is to make sure that doesn’t happen. At Clancy & Diaz, we take the time to understand the full impact of your injuries. That includes not just current bills, but lost income, pain and suffering, long-term care, and how your life has been changed.

We’re not here to drag things out—but we also won’t settle for less than you deserve.

Our Process: Fast Action, Long-Term Thinking

From the moment you contact us, we start building your case. That means gathering evidence, consulting medical experts, speaking with witnesses, and preparing a strategy that puts you in the strongest position possible.

Some cases resolve in a few months. Others can take a year or more. But in every situation, we stay focused on one thing: getting results that matter.

We’re Here to Help

No one wants their injury case to drag on—and we don’t either. But when your health, your future, and your family’s financial stability are on the line, it’s worth doing things the right way.

At Clancy & Diaz, LLP, we’re with you from start to finish. If you’ve been injured in an accident involving someone else’s negligence and want to know what to expect, contact us today for a free consultation

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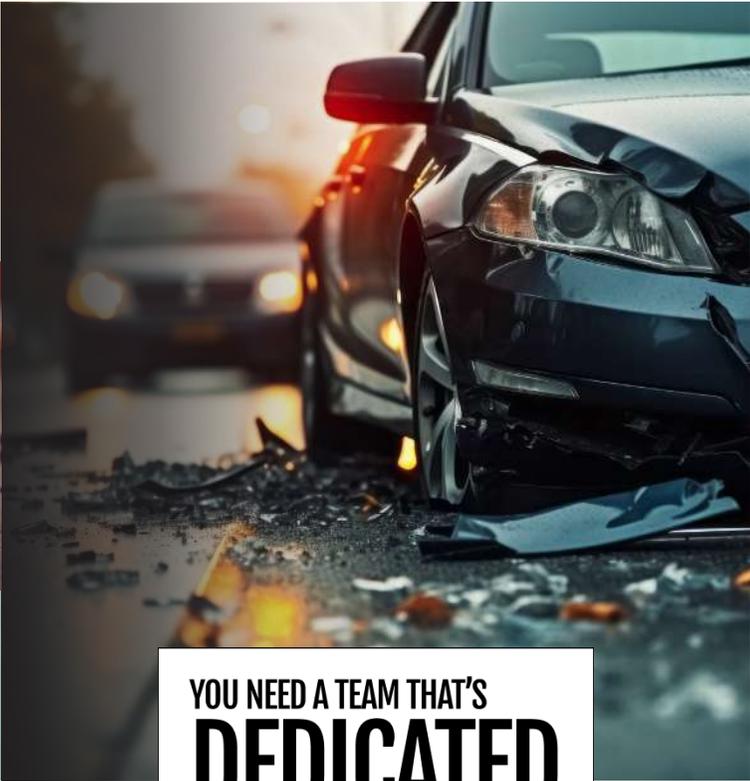
Insurance companies know that summer crashes can come with high medical bills and long-term consequences. Their job is to minimize your payout. Ours is to stop that from happening.

We don't just take their first offer. We dig in. We build a case that's rooted in facts and backed by hard evidence. Whether your case settles or goes to court, we're with you every step of the way.

The Firm To Call When You've Been Injured

Serious car accidents don't stop for summer—and neither do we. If someone else's negligence left you or a loved one seriously injured, get a legal team that works fast and fights hard for the justice and compensation our clients deserve.

At Clancy & Diaz, LLP, we don't take shortcuts. We go the distance. Give us a call or contact us online today to see how we can help you.



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