

# SCOTT LAW LEGAL NEWS

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## ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a new project for me. I hope to send it out to keep in contact with previous, current and future clients. I also plan on using this newsletter to keep you up to date on legal developments in New Mexico.

If there is something you'd like me to address in this newsletter, please contact me by email, phone or regular mail. If you'd prefer to receive this newsletter by fax, email or not at all, let me know.

## HAVE YOU BEEN IN AN ACCIDENT?

Hopefully, you will never have an accident. However, if you do suffer an accident here are some things you should do immediately:

1. Get medical help immediately.
2. Write a description of what happened.
3. Exchange insurance information with the person who caused the accident.
4. Notify your insurer.
5. Get a list of witnesses with names, phone numbers and addresses. If police were involved make sure you get their names.
6. If the accident happened in a store or similar place, notify the owner as soon as possible.
7. Do not sign any documents unless an attorney recommends it.
8. Do not give any statements to anyone except the police unless an attorney recommends it.
9. When things have calmed down, consider contacting a lawyer.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW OFFICE

We have moved our offices! It's just north of the old office and has a little more space. Also, please welcome my new assistant: Grace Fjeldal. I don't know what I did without her!

Come by and say hi.

## WORK INJURIES

Unfortunately, work injuries are almost inevitable. If you are injured at work, there are things you can do to help yourself. They are the following:

1. Report the injury immediately to your supervisor. The supervisor should give you a written accident report to fill out. Put in only the basic description of the accident and injury.
2. If you need a doctor, ask your supervisor if your company wants you to see a specific doctor. If so, make an appointment with that doctor immediately. If not, go to your usual doctor or a reputable doctor with experience treating your type of injury.
3. Once you have seen the doctor, notify your supervisor of your status -- especially if you are going to miss work. The doctor should give you a note excusing you from work.
4. If you are able to return to work for either full or light duty, notify your supervisor immediately. If you need an accommodation, like a chair to sit on, make sure you ask for that as well.

If you follow these steps, you should start receiving benefits if you are eligible. If you don't, ask your supervisor why you aren't getting benefits.

If there is a problem with your benefits, you should contact a lawyer immediately.

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