

Am I entitled to a rental car?

The anxiety and frustration of an auto accident is often made worse by the loss of your car, truck, or motorcycle. If your car has been "totaled" ("totaled" means the cost to fix your car is more than the fair market value of the car), also referred to as a "total loss", means you will have to get a new or different car. If your car needs to be repaired, it will be in the body shop for several days to several weeks, depending on the damage. Either way, you will be without a vehicle for some time. If you were not at fault for the accident, or if your car insurance policy has "rental car coverage" you are entitled to a rental car, and the Law Offices of Adam Sorrells can help. Most expenses relating to the renting of a car will be paid for by whichever insurance company is liable for this type of coverage. You should contact your own insurance company to see whether or not you have rental car coverage, and whether or not your automobile insurance policy will transfer over to the use of the rental car.

You should also call your credit card company, and see if your credit card company offers any coverage for a rental car, if you use that credit card to pay for the rental (you may be eligible to be reimbursed for this charge by the at-fault insurance company).

You are entitled to the use of a car or truck of "comparable worth and value", or "equivalent make and model to your own car", for the reasonable amount of time that it takes to either repair or replace your car. The insurance company for the at-fault driver (and sometimes your own company) may try to fight you on some or all of these rental car issues. For this reason, it is important to have an attorney on your side who knows the law, and knows what you are entitled to.

The Law Offices of Adam Sorrells is especially sensitive to his clients who suddenly find themselves without a car. If you cannot drive to work, to doctors appointments, to pick up the kids or a spouse, somebody's entire life can grind to a halt. For this reason, if we accept your personal injury case, we will help with your rental car and car repair for free!

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