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**News From Accident Lawyer John Fagan**

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*I thought you might want to know:*

## COMMON ARGUMENTS USED IN CAR ACCIDENT CASES



If you file a personal injury claim after being involved in a car accident, there are typically three types of defenses the defendant might try to claim.

### The Accident Was Your Fault

With this common defense, the defendant claims that you were at least partially responsible. There are several ways this argument can be made: perhaps you were speeding or committing some other traffic violation. Maybe the defendant was partially responsible but argues that you also had a responsibility to avoid your injuries, such as failing to wear your seatbelt.

### The Accident Was Someone Else's Fault

Rather than pointing the finger at you, the defendant may pin the blame on a third party, such as the city for leaving the road in an unsafe and hazardous condition or not putting better signs by the road. Or the defendant alleges that his or her vehicle was defective and unsafe, making the manufacturer responsible.

### You Were Not Truly Injured

This may be aggravating to hear, but some defendants will say that your injury claims are not real. They might claim that you are exaggerating the true extent of your injury, or that you were injured prior to the accident and are trying to falsely blame those injuries on the accident. Documented medical records and exam results should be enough to prove these allegations wrong.

If you or someone you know has been injured in an accident, call me for a free consultation. **1-844-JOHN-411 (1-844-564-6411)**



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# Accident Insider

## No-Fault Liability

Florida utilizes the no-fault liability system for car accidents. This means that when you are involved in a car crash, you are covered for your injuries and losses under your insurance policy.

Florida drivers must have personal injury protection (PIP) as part of their vehicle insurance plan. The no-fault system makes it easier to get money for your injuries, but it also limits a number of damages you can recover. If your injuries were substantial and you also suffered additional losses, you may need to take legal action to get the money you deserve.

It is helpful to contact an accident lawyer as soon after the incident as possible. Your lawyer will review the details of the crash and help assess the situation.

If legal action is necessary, your lawyer will guide you through the process. If the case needs to go to court, you will have to prove negligence in the accident as well as provide proof of injuries that you sustained as a result. Your lawyer can help you gather the evidence you need in order to prove that the other driver should be considered liable for your personal injuries.

## What To Do After A Car Accident...

The first thing to do immediately after a car accident is to call the police. A police report is required for all accidents with injuries or that cause damages in excess of \$500.



The police will examine the scene, take witness statements and assess the situation. If you were hurt, you should seek medical treatment as soon as possible after the incident. It is important to note that some injuries may not be apparent until several or more hours after a crash. You should always get checked out by a doctor to make sure you get proper care.

The insurance company will typically discuss the accident with you and take a statement. It is wise to speak to a car accident lawyer before making a statement to the insurance company representative. Do not admit guilt or take responsibility for the accident. Leave any conclusions up to the professionals in your case.

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## Banana Nut Bread

### Ingredients

½ cup butter, melted  
1 cup white sugar  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ cup sour cream  
½ cup chopped walnuts  
2 medium bananas, sliced

### Instructions

-Preheat oven to 350  
-Grease a 9x5 inch loaf pan.  
-In a large bowl, stir together melted butter and sugar.  
-Add the eggs and vanilla, mix well.  
-Combine the flour, baking soda and salt, stir into the butter mixture until smooth.  
-Finally, fold in the sour cream, walnuts and bananas.  
-Spread evenly into the prepared pan.  
-Bake for 60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the loaf comes out clean.  
-Cool loaf in the pan for 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely.

