

As Idaho?s 100 Deadliest Days Begin, Smith Law Firm Urges Drivers to Know Their Legal Rights

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Boise, Idaho ? As Idaho enters the "100 Deadliest Days," the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day known for a significant increase in traffic fatalities, Smith Law Firm is launching a public awareness campaign to educate drivers about their legal rights following accidents.

According to the Idaho Transportation Department, fatal crashes during the summer months claimed 82 lives in 2024, highlighting the heightened risks on the road during this season.

"Many drivers are unaware of the critical steps to take immediately after an accident," said Dawn Singleton, J.D., lead attorney at Smith Law Firm. "Our goal is to provide clear, accessible guidance so that drivers feel empowered, not overwhelmed." The campaign includes legal consultations and the distribution of informational materials designed to help accident victims avoid common legal missteps, such as admitting fault prematurely or accepting inadequate insurance settlements.

Despite public safety campaigns, many Idaho drivers remain uncertain about how to protect their legal rights in the immediate aftermath of a crash. One of the most common pitfalls is providing recorded statements to insurance companies without legal guidance, often leading to reduced claim values or denied coverage altogether. Smith Law Firm?s attorneys stress that even minor missteps in wording can be leveraged against victims during claim evaluations, making early legal consultation a crucial protective step.

This initiative also responds to concerning local trends. According to data from the Idaho Transportation Department, the majority of summer traffic fatalities involve high-speed rural roadways and younger drivers traveling during evening hours. With many accidents occurring outside major urban centers, legal access becomes even more important. Smith Law Firm?s mobile consultations and digital resource hub are designed specifically to close these geographic and informational gaps, ensuring help is never out of reach.

Smith Law Firm has also launched an online resource center at smithlawfirmllc.com, where visitors can access legal checklists, read case studies, and learn how to document evidence properly at the scene of an accident. The content includes a step-by-step guide on navigating insurance negotiations and understanding when to escalate a claim to legal action.

Recent data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration indicates that over 30% of teen driver fatalities occur during the summer months, underscoring the importance of proactive education and accessible legal support during this critical period. "Understanding one's legal standing is as vital as physical safety measures," Singleton added. "Knowing what to do legally in the immediate aftermath of a crash can protect your health, your finances, and your future."

To further support the community, Smith Law Firm will host a free webinar series in June covering topics such as filing accident reports, communicating with insurers, gathering evidence at the scene, and selecting trustworthy legal representation. Registration is available on the firm's website.

In addition to educational outreach, Smith Law Firm is leveraging digital tools to streamline post-accident assistance. A newly developed online intake system allows accident victims to quickly submit preliminary details about their case, receive a same-day legal review, and connect with an attorney without needing to visit the office. This virtual-first approach is designed to remove barriers to legal support, especially for those recovering from injuries or managing transportation challenges in the wake of a crash.

To complement this digital accessibility, the firm has also partnered with local nonprofits and health clinics to provide resource packets to patients receiving post-accident care. These packets include legal checklists, guidance on working with insurance adjusters, and contact details for pro bono support in extreme hardship

cases. By embedding these resources within the community?s healthcare response network, Smith Law Firm is ensuring that legal help is available at one of the most critical, and vulnerable, points in the recovery process.

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