

Illinois Bicycle Accident Lawyer

Award-Winning Bike Accident Law Firm Representing Illinois Victims

Illinois bicycle accident lawyers are crucial to receiving justice for bicycle accidents. In 2024, [35 people passed away](#) in bicycle accidents in Illinois, demonstrating how dangerous many routes can be for bicyclists. If you've suffered serious injuries in a bike accident, contact our skilled personal injury lawyers for a free consultation.

We have recovered millions for our clients, including:

- **\$605,000** – Recovered for a [dooring accident](#).
- **\$499,000** – [Bike messenger crash](#) near a parking garage.
- **\$199,000** – [Child struck](#) by exiting his driveway.

Common Locations for Bicycle Crashes in Illinois

[August is the deadliest time](#) of year for bicyclists, while Chicago and its surrounding suburbs have the highest concentration of [fatal bike accidents](#). Common locations for bicycle accidents include the following.

Intersections – In May 2022, a [58-year-old woman](#) was severely [injured in Oak Park while](#) biking through the intersection of Home Avenue and Jackson Boulevard. A 21-year-old driver struck her and drove away, dragging the bicycle.

Urban Areas – Bicycle accidents occur more frequently in [urban areas](#) like [Rockford](#) and Chicagoland because there is a higher concentration of motor vehicles. In just 2024 alone, [five people](#) were fatally [injured in a bicycle accident within Chicago](#) proper.

Bike Lanes – While these lanes are meant to keep people safe, many motor vehicle drivers may not respect cyclists' space, causing crashes. In July 2024, a Morton Grove [cyclist was struck by two cars](#) while using a mixed-use path near Dempster Avenue. He passed away from his injuries.

Rural Roads – Drivers may not think to look for cyclists in rural areas, especially those with high speeds. In February 2025, a man was killed in LaSalle County while riding along [Illinois Route 251](#) on a Sunday evening.

Causes of Illinois Bicycle Accidents

Ride Illinois, a bicyclist advocacy organization, notes that bicycle accidents should be called crashes instead, as they are typically preventable with greater attention. Some of the [causes of Illinois bicycle accidents](#) include the following.

Driver Negligence – In 2024, a [Naperville](#) man was seriously injured while riding in Aurora when a [black Volkswagen Beetle hit him and did not stop](#), despite [Illinois law 625 ILCS 5/11-401](#) requiring that anyone in an accident involving personal injury wait for police to arrive. Things like distracted driving or drunk driving can increase the risk of a fatal crash.

Poor Road Design – In 2024 alone, [Skokie](#) had [three serious or fatal bike crashes](#), which activists say are due to the fact that this suburban town was built for cars, not bikes.

Road Hazards – Illinois is infamous for its many potholes, such as when one singular pothole in [Schaumburg](#) [blew out 25 tires in one night](#).

Weather Conditions – Snow, rain, or low visibility can all contribute to fatal bicycle accidents. In one example, a [Joliet](#) man was [struck and killed](#) in the middle of the night by a hit-and-run driver.

Defective Components or Equipment Failure – Either a bike or a car could suffer tire blowouts, failed brakes, or other damage that can lead to an accident.

Injuries Suffered in Illinois Bicycle Accidents

In 2020, a Bartlett woman was killed due to multiple injuries when she was [struck in a hit-and-run](#) in [Elgin](#), which demonstrates the serious risks bikers are in every time they head out. [Common injuries that occur during bike crashes](#) include:

Head Injuries – Concussions and traumatic brain injuries may occur, especially if the cyclist is not wearing a helmet.

Spinal Cord Injuries – If the cyclist is thrown from their bike and lands on their back, they could suffer a ruptured disc or even [paralysis](#).

Broken Bones – Commonly broken bones include wrists, fingers, arms, legs, and ankles. When cyclists pitch forward, they may also break the [pelvis](#), clavicle, or ribs.

Soft Tissue Injuries – Road rash may occur if the biker is wearing shorts or tank tops when they land. Lacerations and bruising are also common.

Internal Injuries – During a bike accident, the biker may be dragged several feet by the car or be pinned under their bicycle. This can lead to internal bleeding.

Dental and Facial Injuries – The cyclist may land face-first against the bike handles, the curb, or the ground.

Psychological Trauma – A bicycle accident can be very traumatic, especially if the cyclist is seriously injured. They may struggle with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), depression, or anxiety.

Death – Sadly, some cases lead to death, such as [Shambrook v. Commonwealth Edison Company](#). This ongoing case revolves around the [death of a three-year-old girl in Chicago](#) after a tractor-trailer struck her because of an illegally parked utility vehicle in the bicycle lane.

Illinois Bicycle Laws: Rights and Responsibilities of Cyclists

The Illinois Secretary of State notes that bicyclists have similar responsibilities to those in motor vehicles when sharing the road. These include the following.

Riding on Roadways – Cyclists must ride on the right side of traffic in the same direction as cars. They should use the bicycle lane whenever possible and should not ride on the sidewalk unless local ordinances allow it.

Obedying Traffic Laws – Per [9-52-010](#), cyclists must stop at all stop signs, yield when appropriate, and signal their intentions when turning or stopping.

Using Appropriate Equipment – Bicycles must have highly visible reflectors, bells, and working brakes. Cyclists must also wear helmets at all times.

Sharing the Road – Per Illinois statute [§625 ILCS 5/11-1003.1](#), drivers need to watch for bicyclists and yield as necessary. They should not drive in a separate bike lane and should not attempt to split lanes with a bicycle.

Liability in Illinois Bicycle Accident Cases

Bicycle accident lawyers will thoroughly investigate the case to prove negligence, which is when an individual or organization fails to uphold their duty of care to the injured person. Potential defendants in a bicycle accident claim can include drivers, pedestrians, other cyclists, and cities.

Illinois uses comparative negligence, meaning that everyone will be assigned a measure of blame in the accident. You can sue as long as you are assigned less than 50% blame for the accident.

Steps to Take After an Illinois Bicycle Accident

If you've been injured in a bicycle accident, follow these steps immediately.

Prioritize Safety – Get to a safe place and seek medical attention.

File a Police Report – Insurance companies use police reports to verify the cause of the accident.

Gather Information – Take pictures and get contact information for those involved.

Preserve Evidence – Keep your bicycle, helmet, and clothing from the crash.

Keep Records – Gather all your medical bills, medical expenses, and lost wages.

Speak to a Personal Injury Lawyer – Our bicycle accident attorneys will help you file a personal injury claim.

Do Not Speak to Insurance Companies Without a Lawyer – Do not admit fault, and let your bicycle accident lawyer handle communication.

Compensation for Illinois Bicycle Accident Injuries

Damages you can receive for a bicycle accident claim include:

- Medical bills
- Lost wages
- Out-of-pocket expenses
- Future medical expenses
- Pain and suffering
- Emotional distress
- Property damage

Statute of Limitations for Bicycle Accident Claims in Illinois

Illinois law [735 ILCS 5/13-202](#) gives victims two years to file from the date of the accident, meaning you should contact an attorney as soon as possible.

Why Choose Us as Your Illinois Bicycle Accident Lawyers?

Our [Chicago-based bicycle accident attorneys](#) have extensive experience handling the intricacies of these cases, including a thorough investigation and aggressive negotiation. We offer compassionate service to each of our clients, and we do not charge for our services unless we win you compensation.

Consult an Illinois Bicycle Accident Lawyer Near You!

If you've been injured while riding your bicycle, you need a personal injury lawyer who will fight hard for fair compensation. Contact us today for a free consultation about your rights.



I was ran off the road and my bike last year by a truck driver. Mr. Rosenfeld knew exactly how to help. He saved me time and was able to help me with a lot more than I originally thought. The recovery would have been much harder without him especially missing work, but thanks to Mr. Rosenfeld I was able to take as much time as I needed to.

– [Frankie DeMaso](#)

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