

Special Free Report

Helicopter crash cases – What to expect

Keep reading to learn:

- What causes most helicopter crashes?
- How many helicopter crashes happen each year?
- How many helicopter crashes result in fatal injuries?
- Are there any special laws or rules that apply to helicopter crash cases?
- How will you get medical bills and funeral expenses paid?
- Who will pay from lost time from work?
- What happens if a loved one is killed in a helicopter crash? Who is legally entitled to bring a claim?
- What will the company offer as a settlement in a helicopter crash case?
- Do you even need a lawyer for a helicopter crash case?
- How do you know if you've hired the best lawyer for your helicopter crash case?

Who is behind this report and why should I listen to you?

Our firm really is different.

We don't handle a lot of small car wreck cases. We don't handle every case that is referred to us. We don't want to and we don't need to.

We accept a limited number of the cases we are asked to review each year. The reason we accept only a limited number of cases each year is so we can focus on the cases and clients we do accept, and give them the best possible personalized service. We believe that this results in much better settlements and verdicts for our clients.

We have dedicated 100% of our practice to handling serious injury and death cases. This is all we do. We don't represent insurance companies or big business. We represent people who are hurt or the families of people who are killed. We don't try to be all things to all people. We stand firmly on the side of the people and not big business or big insurance companies.

Since I began representing injured people, I have handled offshore injuries cases. I have handled these cases in Texas, the Gulf Coast, Louisiana, Mississippi, across the United States, and across the world.

I have been writing and publishing articles on offshore injury and death cases since the very beginning of my offshore injury practice. Other lawyers often call and ask for help with their offshore injury cases and ask for my advice on how to

handle them properly. As a result, we have become recognized experts in the offshore injury field.

The companies know this, and so do their lawyers. As a result, when we take a case, the company knows we mean business. Often, this results in settlements that are much higher, and achieved much faster, than lawyers with no experience or reputation in the offshore industry.

What are the causes of helicopter crashes?

Helicopter crashes are almost always the result of either pilot error, mechanical problems, or the company operating under conditions that are unsuitable to flying helicopters.

All too often, the pilots are overworked or underexperienced (or both), and the companies either cut corners on mechanical safety issues or fail to properly monitor conditions.

The good news is that most helicopter crashes are entirely preventable. The bad news is that some companies do not do nearly enough to prevent these incidents. As a result, too many people lose their lives in preventable helicopter crashes.

Helicopter Crash Statistics

First, let's look at some statistics. According to the Helicopter Association International, in 2006 there were 162 accidents with 25 fatalities and 43 serious injuries. On average, in fatal accidents, 1.72 people are killed.

Special Rules that apply to helicopters

Unlike cars and trucks, helicopter operators and pilots are heavily regulated. The pilots must have a proper license and receive periodic updates and training.

The companies that operate helicopters are also subject to special rules and regulations. If the companies violate the rules that pertain to the operation of helicopters, they can be grounded.

The government, through the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigates helicopter crashes and determines the cause. The NTSB also issues recommendations and regulations that govern companies that operate commercial helicopter operations.

How do you get medical bills and funeral bills paid if you or a loved one is involved in a helicopter crash?

One of the first things that people want to know if how to get medical bills paid if you are injured in a helicopter crash or, if a loved one is killed, how do you get the funeral expenses paid?

One possible route is private insurance. However, some insurance policies will not cover these types of accidents.

If private insurance does not cover you claims, that realistically, the only way to get your medical or funeral bills paid is by filing a legal claim against the helicopter company and making them pay for these bills through the court system or the legal system.