



Syracuse Car Accident Attorney Says Drivers Should Be Prepared to Handle Snow-Related Wrecks

The risk of car accidents increases as snowy weather hits central New York this week. By following a few simple steps, motorists involved in snow-related crashes can help to protect their rights and interests, according to Syracuse auto accident lawyer Scott C. Gottlieb.

Syracuse, NY ([PRWEB](#)) December 15, 2010 -- As the snow, ice and slush piles up this week in central New York, the risk of being involved in a motor vehicle crash will rise as well, says [Syracuse car accident attorney](#) Scott C. Gottlieb.

That's why motorists need to be prepared on how to act in the immediate aftermath of a snow-related car accident, says Gottlieb, whose [Syracuse personal injury law firm](#), Scott C. Gottlieb, Injury Law Attorney, represents [auto accident](#) victims throughout central New York.

"Heavy lake effect snow and blowing snow can create dangerous driving conditions by making road surfaces slick and reducing drivers' visibility," Gottlieb says. "The problems arise when drivers do not adjust to the conditions. For instance, drivers who are going too fast may slide across lanes or brake too hard, causing them to lose control of their vehicles.

"If involved in an auto accident, a driver should immediately seek medical assistance by calling EMS. Any driver that can remain on the scene, however, should try to collect information that could play a key role in protecting their rights and interests," he says.

According to Gottlieb, a driver involved in car crash should take the following steps:

- Collect the other driver's information, such as the driver's name, address, phone number, driver's license number and insurance information;
- Gather the names and contact information for any eyewitnesses along with a brief note of what the eyewitnesses observed;
- Obtain a copy of the police report number and the name of the officer filing the report, which will help when obtaining the accident report later on; and
- Take photographs, if possible, with a portable camera or a cell phone camera, including photos of any skid marks in the snow, car damage, stop lights, stop signs and surrounding scenery, such as light poles, trees or other shrubbery.

"The information that a driver collects at the accident scene can help an attorney evaluate their case later on," Gottlieb says. "I would suggest that a driver keep this list of steps in their car along with a flashlight, blanket, warm clothing, jumper cables and tire-changing equipment. You want to be prepared in the unfortunate event that you are involved in a car accident."

Syracuse and surrounding cities, including Seneca Falls, Auburn, Ithaca, Oneida, Cortland and Norwich, were all placed under a lake effect snow warning this week by the National Weather Service. Syracuse averages 115.6 inches of snowfall per year, with an average of 27.3 inches in December, according to the National Climatic Data Center.



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