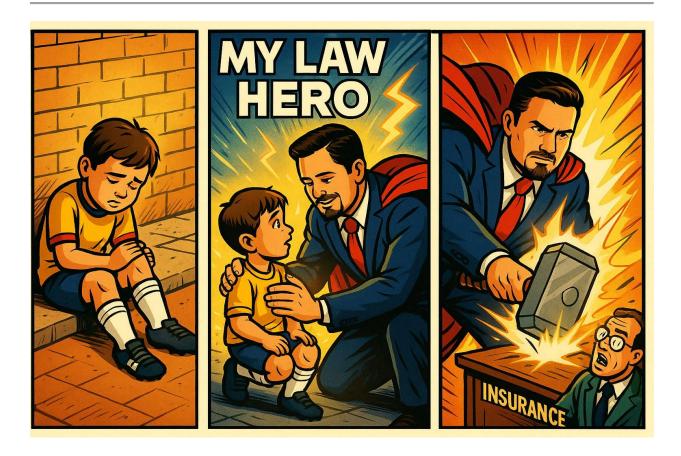
5 Mistakes Parents Make After a Child Injury in Florida (And How to Avoid Them)

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When a child is injured, everything changes in an instant. As a parent, your first instinct is to comfort and protect them—but what you do next could affect their recovery, your finances, and their future for years to come.

As a Florida personal injury lawyer who focuses exclusively on **injuries to children**, I've seen countless cases where small mistakes early on led to major challenges later in the legal process. This blog breaks down **five of the most common mistakes parents make after their child is injured—and how to avoid them.**

1. Not Taking Your Child to the ER or Doctor Immediately

Children are resilient, and sometimes they'll say "I'm okay" even when they're not. But internal injuries, concussions, or soft tissue trauma may not show symptoms right away.

Failing to seek medical attention immediately can:

- Delay diagnosis of serious conditions
- Create gaps in the medical record
- Give insurance companies an excuse to deny or devalue your claim

What to do instead:

Always take your child to a pediatric ER or doctor for a full exam, even if they seem fine. Let a trained professional evaluate them.

2. Trusting Apologies from Daycares, Schools, or Others Involved

It's common for staff at schools or daycares to say things like, "We're so sorry," or "We'll take care of everything." While they may mean well, their insurance companies are not on your side.

Even if someone admits fault, that doesn't guarantee accountability—or compensation. In fact, some institutions go into damage control mode, shifting blame or minimizing what happened.

What to do instead:

Be polite, but don't rely on verbal promises. Document the incident and contact a lawyer who knows how to protect your rights.

3. Signing Insurance Releases or Accepting a Fast Settlement

Insurance companies may act quickly to offer you money in exchange for a signed release. That release will likely waive your child's rights to any future compensation, even if the full extent of the injuries isn't known yet.

Remember: Their goal is to close the case fast and cheaply—not to do what's best for your child.

What to do instead:

Never sign anything from an insurance company without having a lawyer review it first. A settlement should reflect the **true**, **long-term impact** of the injury.

4. Failing to Document the Scene and the Injury

In the emotional chaos after an accident, it's easy to forget to take photos or gather evidence. But visuals and documentation are powerful tools in a personal injury claim.

Missed evidence can mean a missed opportunity for justice.

What to do instead:

Take photos of:

- The injury itself (as it progresses)
- The scene of the incident
- Any visible hazards or conditions
- Witness names and contact info Also, request incident reports from the school, daycare, or police department.

5. Waiting Too Long to Take Legal Action

In Florida, most personal injury claims have a **2- or 4-year statute of limitations**, but some child injury cases—especially those involving government entities—require notice within just **6 months**.

Waiting too long can make it impossible to collect key evidence, interview witnesses, or file your case in time.

What to do instead:

Speak with a qualified child injury lawyer as soon as possible. Even if you're unsure about the strength of the case, getting advice early protects your options.

Final Thoughts: Don't Go Through This Alone

When a child is injured, families face more than just physical recovery. They deal with fear, guilt, and uncertainty. At **MyChildsLawHero.com**, we help parents navigate this difficult time with strength, compassion, and a commitment to justice.

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I'm Attorney Jonny Davalos, and I fight for injured children across the state of Florida. Let's make sure your child's voice is heard—and their future protected.

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