

\$250,000 Policy Limit Settlement for 89-Year-Old Veteran Injured in Motorized Scooter Accident

Our Connecticut car accident lawyers help injury victims recover compensation

In May 2025, a clear, sunny day in Windham, CT quickly turned into a chaotic [car accident](#) for an 89-year-old Willimantic resident attempting to cross the street on his motorized scooter. While crossing the street near the intersection of Jackson and Union Streets, the military veteran's motorized scooter was struck by a vehicle, causing the scooter to flip onto its side and throwing the veteran onto the street.

The victim suffered a large scalp avulsion (his skin was severely torn), which required surgical closure, skin grafts, and plastic surgery. He also suffered a fracture to his left leg and other minor injuries to his chest and extremities. The injury victim's motorized scooter also sustained "major damage" in the accident.

Initially, the at-fault driver's insurance company denied the injured veteran's accident claim. However, once the [Law Offices of Mark E. Salomone & Morelli](#) got involved, the insurance company agreed to pay the injured veteran the \$250,000 policy limit for his medical bills and other accident expenses. This is why it's critical that injury victims understand how the legal system works in such cases in Connecticut.

What makes motorized scooter accidents so complicated?

Motorized scooter accidents often appear simple on the surface but can quickly become more complicated once insurance companies get involved. Even when the evidence is clear, injured scooter victims often have a hard time getting the compensation and support they rightfully deserve.

Common reasons why motorized scooter accidents are so complicated:

- The at-fault driver refuses to admit responsibility for causing the collision.
- The insurance company responsible for paying for the scooter accident refuses to pay the injury victim.
- Injuries are often severe since scooter riders have no protection against a vehicle impact.
- Older motorized scooter riders are especially vulnerable and often suffer serious injuries that take longer to heal.
- Medical care for injury victims often requires extensive treatments for weeks or months after the accident.
- The financial impact of accidents is often sizable and extensive.

These are just some of the reasons why motorized scooter accidents often quickly turn into complicated cases. This is why it's important that injury victims and their families fully understand their legal rights. Otherwise, they might end up having to pay for their accident-

related expenses out of their own pocket – and that’s not right.

What are common causes of motorized scooter accidents?

Motorized scooter accidents often occur because the driver of the car failed to pay attention or follow the rules of the road. Scooter riders have the same right to cross streets and travel safely. When drivers ignore that responsibility, they should be held accountable for their actions.

Common reasons why motorized scooter collisions occur in Connecticut include:

- **Failure to yield** – Many scooter accidents occur when a driver turns or proceeds through an intersection without yielding to scooter operators who have the right of way.
- **Distracted driving** – Texting drivers and drivers looking at their cellphones or navigation systems often fail to see scooter riders in crosswalks.
- **Speeding** – Excessive speed reduces reaction time and increases the severity of injuries when a collision occurs.
- **Failure to obey traffic signals** – Running red lights or ignoring stop signs puts scooter riders directly in harm’s way.
- **Improper passing** – Vehicles passing too closely can strike or clip a scooter.
- **Unsafe lane changes** – Sudden lane changes can knock a scooter rider off balance or into traffic.
- **Backing up without looking** – Parking lots and residential streets are common locations for these crashes.

These accidents often don’t happen by chance. They occur because reckless drivers refuse to obey the rules of the road, putting scooter riders and other vulnerable road users at risk. When this happens, it’s important for injured scooter riders to act fast – to protect their health and their rights.

What are common motorized scooter injuries?

Motorized scooter injuries like the ones sustained by our 89-year-old client can cover a wide range. As briefly explained above, many of these injuries can be very severe, require extensive medical care, and can significantly change someone’s life. Such injuries can include:

- **Traumatic brain injuries (TBIs)** – Resulting from an impact to the head against the pavement or the car itself.
- **Head injuries** – Skull fractures and head injuries can often be severe.
- **Back injuries** – Lower back injuries that cause chronic back pain are common.
- **Spinal cord injuries** – Causing partial or total paralysis.
- **Severe lacerations** – Deep cuts caused by metal or glass.
- **Bone fractures** – Especially to the arms, legs, pelvis and ribs.
- **Internal organ damage** – From blunt force trauma caused by the collision.
- **Chronic pain** – Weeks or months later, many injury victims experience severe pain.

- **Psychological trauma** – Many survivors experience lasting fear or anxiety caused by the collision.

Many other types of injuries caused by motorized scooter accidents are common. Recovering from such severe injuries often requires emergency surgery, long hospital stays, physical therapy, future surgical procedures and ongoing medical care.

Whatever type of injury you sustained while operating a scooter, make sure you get the medical care you need and deserve. Then talk to an attorney at our Connecticut law firm to learn more about your legal rights.

What laws govern motorized scooters in Connecticut?

Connecticut law recognizes motorized scooters as a lawful means of transportation. Riders are allowed to operate scooters on roadways and cross streets where pedestrian traffic is permitted, depending on the type of scooter and location.

Under [Connecticut General Statutes § 14-300](#) and related provisions, drivers must exercise reasonable care and take precautions to avoid colliding with mobility device users such as motorized scooters. This includes yielding the right of way and remaining alert at intersections and crosswalks.

In short, Connecticut traffic laws clearly place the responsibility on drivers to watch for and safely share the road with scooter riders. When a driver violates these duties and causes a collision, they are responsible for the harm and injuries they cause to scooter operators.

Who's responsible for paying for motorized scooter accidents in Connecticut?

When a motorized scooter rider is struck by a vehicle, the driver who caused the crash is responsible for the injuries and losses. Connecticut law requires drivers to carry insurance for exactly this reason.

The driver's insurance company is typically responsible for covering medical bills, lost income, and other accident-related losses. However, insurance companies often delay or deny claims in serious scooter accidents.

This is why injured scooter riders should not assume that the at-fault driver's insurance company will act in good faith. Unfortunately, bad-faith claims are common. When this happens, legal representation is often the best way to hold the responsible driver's insurance company accountable.

What compensation is available for motorized scooter accidents?

Motorized scooter accidents often result in significant physical, financial, and emotional losses. Injury victims have the right to seek full compensation for all their accident-related expenses and financial losses – now and in the future. This includes:

- **Emergency medical treatment** – Ambulance care, emergency room visits, and immediate hospitalization.
- **Surgical procedures** – Operations required to treat bone fractures, head injuries, or internal organ damage.
- **Rehabilitation and therapy** – Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and long-term recovery services.
- **Future medical care** – Ongoing treatment, follow-up doctor’s appointments, and additional surgical procedures.
- **Lost income** – Wages lost while taking time off from work to rest and recover.
- **Replacement income** – Future income if you are not able to return to work due to a permanent disability.
- **Loss of mobility or independence** – Compensation for limitations caused by permanent injuries.
- **Pain and suffering** – Physical pain and emotional distress caused by the accident.
- **Property damage** – Repair or replacement of the damaged motorized scooter.

Add all these expenses up and your motorized scooter accident could easily be worth thousands of dollars or significantly more. This was the case with the injury victim we represented after his motorized scooter accident in Windham. We fought for every dollar he deserved to help him get his life back on track.

What if my motorized scooter injury claim is denied?

This is exactly what happened initially to the 89-year-old scooter injury victim before he contacted our law firm. The at-fault driver’s insurance company denied his claim. The insurance company changed its mind once they saw the medical bills and hospital records that proved that he sustained a serious injury as a result of his accident.

A denial does not mean your case is over. It often means the insurance company is trying to protect its profits. With legal help, denied claims can often be successfully challenged. So what are your options?

- Ask for a detailed explanation in writing from the insurance company about why your claim was denied.
- Present evidence to the insurance company in support of your injury claim.
- File an appeal with the insurance company, asking them to reconsider their decision.
- Take legal action and file a scooter injury lawsuit seeking damages, the legal term for financial compensation.

Whichever approach you decide to take, make sure you have an experienced attorney on your side, working with you to build the strongest-possible legal case.

How do lawyers prove fault in motorized scooter accidents?

Evidence builds strong legal cases. When you have solid evidence on your side, you can demand every dollar you rightfully deserve. So what evidence do you need to prove that the driver was at fault for causing your accident? In scooter accidents, evidence of neglect can cover a wide range, including:

- **Police reports** – Official reports document how the crash occurred and who was cited.
- **Witness statements** – Independent witnesses can confirm the driver's actions.
- **Scene evidence** – Skid marks, vehicle damage, and intersection layout tell the story.
- **Video footage** – Traffic camera footage, dashcam video, or surveillance video footage of the accident.
- **Medical records** – Injury patterns often match the mechanics of the collision.

Finding, identifying and preserving evidence in support of a legal case requires experience, skill and attention to detail. Injured scooter riders should not have to worry about investigating their own accident. Your lawyer should be handling your case while you're resting and recovering from your accident.

How can a Connecticut motorized scooter lawyer help?

Connecticut motorized scooter accidents require in-depth knowledge of the state's traffic laws and insurance practices, as well as experience handling serious injury claims. A skilled lawyer knows exactly what to do in such situations. An attorney can:

- Investigate the accident thoroughly.
- Gather evidence before it disappears.
- Deal directly with insurance companies.
- Protect victims from unfair tactics.
- Document injuries properly.
- Make sure medical evidence is complete.
- Calculate all financial losses, including future medical needs.
- Negotiate aggressively for full compensation.
- File a lawsuit if necessary.

Great lawyers don't back down from tough legal cases. They rise to the challenge and work tirelessly on behalf of injury victims and their families. That's because there's so much at stake in such cases. Injured scooter riders deserve a strong legal advocate who understands how these cases work and fights for their rights every step of the way. That's why we want to work with you.

Know your rights after your Connecticut motorized scooter accident

Motorized scooter riders have the right to use Connecticut roads safely. When a driver ignores that responsibility and causes serious injury, the law provides a path to recovery.

The Law Offices of Mark E. Salomone & Morelli has decades of experience successfully representing injury victims throughout Connecticut. Our firm understands how insurance companies operate and knows exactly what to do when it comes to building a strong legal case.

If you or a loved one sustained a serious injury in a motorized scooter accident in Connecticut, [contact us](#) and schedule your [free case evaluation](#). We can answer your questions, explain your options and get right to work on your case. We have offices in eight locations conveniently located throughout Connecticut.