

# **\$1.25 Million Settlement Awarded To Connecticut Pedestrian Injury Victim**

## **How Evidence And Legal Pressure Turned A Denied Claim Into A \$1.25 Million Settlement**

The [Law Offices of Mark E. Salomone & Morelli](#) recently obtained a \$1.25 million settlement for a 24-year-old Connecticut [pedestrian accident](#) victim injured while walking in a marked crosswalk in Coventry.

The \$1.25 million settlement includes \$1 million awarded through the at-fault driver's umbrella insurance policy and an additional \$250,000 through the at-fault driver's insurance policy. Such a case sounds straightforward. But getting the injured pedestrian the money he rightfully deserved took a lot of hard work.

Many people don't understand how compensation works for pedestrian injury victims in Connecticut. That's why our Connecticut pedestrian accident attorneys at the Law Offices of Mark E. Salomone & Morelli want you to know more about how the process works and how a lawyer can help you.

### **More Details About the Coventry Pedestrian Accident**

The 24-year-old Coventry resident was injured in a pedestrian accident on November 8, 2025, at around 7 p.m. on Main Street (Route 31) while crossing the street in a marked crosswalk near the busy intersection of Main Street and Ripley Hill Road in Coventry.

The weather was clear. The crosswalk was clearly marked. Even so, the driver of a 2003 Honda CRV struck the pedestrian while he was walking in the crosswalk, causing the pedestrian to fall and hit the roadway.

This incident is not unique. Most pedestrian accidents happen during clear weather conditions, according to pedestrian accident data compiled by the [Federal Highway Administration \(FHWA\)](#). Most fatal or serious pedestrian injury accidents also happen at night or during the late afternoon like this one in Coventry, according to the [FHWA](#).

### **Serious Injuries Are Common In Pedestrian Accidents**

The Coventry pedestrian accident caused damage to the car's windshield and heavy front damage in a circular, "spider webbed" shaped pattern consistent to the victim's head striking the windshield.

The injury victim sustained an open, displaced fracture of the left humerus, sacral fracture, pubic fracture, hemorrhage of the brain, nondisplaced fracture of left femur, closed fracture of nasal bone, closed fracture in the elbow and eyebrow laceration.

Serious injuries and fatalities are common in many pedestrian accidents. Each year, more than 7,000 people are killed and 70,000 people are seriously injured in pedestrian accidents nationwide, according to the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration \(NHTSA\)](#) and the [Governors Highway Safety Association \(GHSA\)](#).

In Connecticut alone, between 46 and 72 pedestrian accident fatalities happened each year between 2015 and 2024, according to the most recent NHTSA pedestrian accident data. In addition, hundreds of people sustain serious injuries in pedestrian accidents just like the one in Coventry in 2025.

## **Evidence Is Critical In Pedestrian Accident Cases**

The key to a strong pedestrian accident case often comes down to evidence. Without strong evidence, many insurance companies don't take pedestrian injury claims seriously at first. And that was certainly the case for the 2025 Coventry pedestrian accident.

The Coventry Police Department responded to the scene and filled out an official pedestrian accident report. These official reports can make or break many pedestrian accident claims. That's why it's important to have a police officer respond to your pedestrian accident.

In addition, someone else witnessed what happened in Coventry. Another driver saw the accident and observed flashing lights for the crosswalk and slowed down. Meanwhile, that driver witnessed the at-fault driver in front "drove right through the crosswalk without stopping" and then saw the "victim lying in the crosswalk," according to our attorneys.

## **How A Lawyer Can Make A Difference In A Connecticut Pedestrian Accident Claim**

Even if you have strong evidence in support of your pedestrian injury claim, there's no guarantee that you will get the money you rightfully deserve for your financial losses, even if it's clear that the at-fault driver caused your pedestrian accident.

Insurance companies don't settle pedestrian accident claims out of goodwill. They respond to pressure, documentation and the knowledge that an experienced attorney is prepared to take the case as far as it needs to go. That's the difference a lawyer makes, and that's exactly what happened in Coventry.

In the case of the Coventry pedestrian accident, the at-fault driver's insurance company initially marked the claim as pending the outcome of the investigation. However, once our Connecticut pedestrian accident lawyers sent over the hospital records and bills for the injury victim, the at-fault driver's insurance company made the \$1.25 million policy offer.

## Who Decides How Much A Pedestrian Accident Claim Is Worth?

There is no set formula that determines what a pedestrian accident claim is worth. Insurance companies and attorneys often look at the same set of facts and reach very different numbers. Insurance adjusters work for the insurance company, not for you. They use internal guidelines and settlement histories designed to limit what the insurer pays out. An experienced Connecticut pedestrian accident attorney looks at the same case from a completely different angle, starting with the full picture of what the injured person has actually lost.

The debate between insurance companies and injury lawyers over case value almost always comes down to the full extent of the damages. Adjusters tend to focus on the emergency room bill and the most visible injuries. Attorneys dig deeper. They account for follow-up surgeries, physical therapy, lost income, reduced earning capacity, permanent physical limitations and the ways a serious injury reshapes a person's daily life long after the accident. In a case like the one in Coventry, those longer-term losses can add up to far more than the initial medical bills suggest.

That is exactly why injured pedestrians need an attorney on their side before they start talking to the insurance company. Without legal representation, you are negotiating against claims professionals who handle hundreds of cases a year and know every tactic for keeping payouts low. An attorney knows what a case is actually worth, knows how insurers arrive at their offers and knows when to push back hard. In the Coventry case, legal pressure and thorough documentation moved the insurance company from a pending investigation to a \$1.25 million policy offer. That kind of result does not happen on its own.

## What Expenses Can Injured Pedestrians Be Compensated For In Connecticut?

When a driver injures a pedestrian in Connecticut, the financial impact goes far beyond a single hospital bill. Injured pedestrians may be entitled to compensation that covers every way the accident has disrupted their lives, from the night of the crash through years of recovery ahead.

- **Medical Bills And Hospital Costs:** Emergency room treatment, surgery, hospitalization, follow-up appointments, prescription medications and any medical equipment required as a direct result of the accident are all recoverable losses in a Connecticut pedestrian accident claim.
- **Future Medical Expenses:** Serious pedestrian injuries often require ongoing care long after the initial treatment ends. Physical therapy, additional surgeries, specialist visits and long-term rehabilitation costs can all be factored into your claim.
- **Lost Wages:** If your injuries kept you out of work during recovery, you may be entitled to full compensation for every paycheck you missed, whether for days, weeks or months.
- **Reduced Earning Capacity:** When a pedestrian accident permanently limits your ability to perform your job or forces you into a lower-paying line of work, that long-term

income loss is a recoverable damage, the legal term for compensation for financial losses.

- **Pain And Suffering:** Connecticut law allows injured pedestrians to seek compensation for physical pain, emotional distress and the overall reduction in quality of life caused by the accident and the injuries that followed.
- **Property Damage:** Personal belongings damaged in the accident, such as a phone, bicycle or other items you were carrying, can be included in a claim for compensation.

Insurance companies rarely volunteer the full range of compensation available to an injured pedestrian. An experienced Connecticut pedestrian accident attorney knows how to identify every category of loss, document it properly and fight to make sure nothing gets left on the table.

## Why Are Pedestrian Accident Claims Often So Complicated?

Pedestrian accident claims in Connecticut can be far more complicated than they appear, even in cases where the facts seem clear-cut. Several obstacles tend to surface once an injury claim is filed, and each one can slow down the process or reduce the compensation an injured person receives.

- **Drivers Don't Always Tell The Truth:** At-fault drivers frequently give statements to police and insurance investigators that minimize or misrepresent what actually happened. A driver may claim they never saw the pedestrian, that the crosswalk signals were unclear or that the pedestrian moved suddenly into traffic. These false accounts can complicate a claim if they go unchallenged.
- **Insurance Companies Work Against You:** The at-fault driver's insurance company is not on your side. Adjusters are trained to look for reasons to reduce a payout or deny a claim altogether. They may dispute the severity of your injuries, question your medical treatment or delay the process hoping you will accept a low offer out of frustration.
- **Lowball Settlement Offers Come Early:** Insurance companies often make a quick settlement offer shortly after an accident, before the full extent of the injuries is known. Accepting that offer means giving up the right to seek additional compensation later, even if your condition turns out to be more serious than it first appeared.
- **Evidence Disappears Quickly:** Skid marks fade. Surveillance footage gets overwritten. Witnesses become harder to track down. The longer a pedestrian accident victim waits to get legal help, the harder it becomes to build a complete picture of what happened.
- **Insurance Coverage Can Be Complex:** When an at-fault driver carries multiple insurance policies, as in the Coventry case, where both a standard policy and an umbrella policy were involved, identifying all available coverage and pursuing each source of compensation requires legal knowledge and experience.

An experienced Connecticut pedestrian accident attorney knows how to cut through these obstacles. From preserving evidence and challenging false driver statements to pushing back

against low offers and identifying every available insurance policy, having a lawyer in your corner makes a measurable difference in the outcome of your case.

## **Can Injured Pedestrians Sue The At-Fault Driver In Connecticut?**

Yes. When a driver's negligence causes a pedestrian accident in Connecticut, the injured person has the right to file a personal injury lawsuit against the at-fault driver. Connecticut law requires that a lawsuit be filed within two years of the date of the accident under the state's statute of limitations for personal injury claims. That deadline is set out in [Connecticut General Statutes § 52-584](#), and missing it means losing the right to seek compensation in court entirely, no matter how strong your case may be.

Filing a lawsuit does not necessarily mean a case will go to trial. Most pedestrian accident cases in Connecticut are resolved through settlement negotiations before a jury ever hears the facts. But filing a lawsuit sends a clear message to the insurance company that you are serious about pursuing full compensation. It also gives your attorney powerful legal tools, including the ability to take depositions, subpoena records and compel the disclosure of evidence that the insurance company might otherwise withhold.

In cases involving severe injuries, permanent disability or the death of a pedestrian, a lawsuit may be the only path to the full compensation the victim or their family deserves. Connecticut law allows injured pedestrians to pursue damages for medical expenses, lost income, pain and suffering and other losses tied directly to the accident. An experienced Connecticut pedestrian accident attorney can evaluate the facts of your specific case and advise whether filing a lawsuit is the right move.

## **How Can A Connecticut Pedestrian Accident Lawyer Help?**

Pedestrian accidents like the one our law firm handled from Coventry might seem straightforward at first. But even in a clear-cut case like that one, injury victims need an experienced lawyer investigating their accident and applying pressure on insurance companies to do the right thing.

A Connecticut pedestrian accident lawyer can help build a claim that reflects the full picture of your losses, not just your first emergency room visit. That includes gathering medical records from every stage of your treatment, securing follow-up evaluations from specialists, documenting how your injuries affect your ability to work and collecting evidence that shows exactly what the at-fault driver cost you. Insurance companies count on injured pedestrians to accept whatever they offer. An attorney makes sure you understand what your claim is actually worth before you agree to anything.

At the Law Offices of Mark E. Salomone & Morelli, we understand that a pedestrian injury claim is about more than one doctor bill. It may involve future medical treatments, lost income and the lasting physical and emotional toll a serious accident takes on you and your family. A

Connecticut pedestrian accident lawyer from our firm knows how to take those concerns seriously, document them thoroughly and fight for the full compensation you deserve.

### **Contact A Connecticut Pedestrian Accident Lawyer For Free**

We have recovered millions and millions of dollars for injury victims and their families. That's why injured pedestrians turn to us when it matters most. Get the law firm that gets results in Connecticut. [Contact us](#) and schedule a [free case evaluation](#) with a Connecticut pedestrian accident lawyer who will fight for the outcome your case deserves. There are no upfront costs and no legal fees of any kind unless we recover compensation for you. We have offices in 8 locations conveniently located throughout Connecticut.