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BURN INJURY LAWYERS

Li-ion Batteries | Explosions | Vehicle Accidents

Burn injuries can occur in a variety of ways for many different reasons. Whether the burns are the result of a fire, an exploding battery, or a vehicle accident, burn victims are often left with questions about their injuries, what to expect in the coming weeks, and their legal rights and options.

AT PAYNTER LAW, WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

This brochure provides information on how these injuries occur, the steps to take following a burn injury, and a list of resources for burn victims. If you have any questions after reading this brochure, please contact us. We provide free consultations and will take the time to listen to you, learn the facts of your case, and answer your questions.



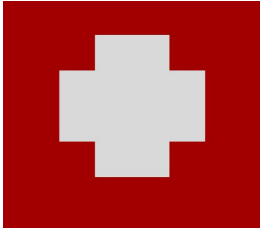
KNOW YOUR OPTIONS.

The individuals and corporations at fault for burn injuries, fires, and explosions have lawyers who work for them. At Paynter Law, we only work for one person: you. Once you hire us, our burn injury lawyers get to work immediately to:

- Identify all possible sources of compensation
- Preserve evidence
- Explain the legal process to you
- Review your rights and options
- Handle the legal side so you can focus on healing

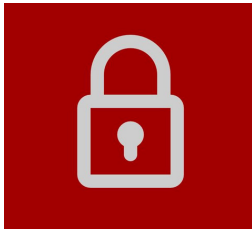
WHAT NEXT?

Whether you've been injured by an explosion, a lithium-ion battery, or a vehicle wreck, there are several things to consider:



SEEK MEDICAL TREATMENT

Make sure you seek the necessary medical treatment right away. Even minor burns can be serious and can result in severe pain, infection, or scarring. More serious burns and other injuries may require grafts or other surgeries. Be sure you follow your doctor's orders initially and throughout the course of your treatment. Seeking medical treatment also ensures that you will have a record documenting the details of your injury including the date, mechanism, and severity of your injury.



PRESERVE EVIDENCE

Once you have received medical treatment for your injuries, be sure to take time to gather all items and documents related to the incident. Do not throw anything away. Take photos of all items involved in the incident and document the location of the fire or explosion. Also, be sure to list the names and contact information for anyone who witnessed the incident. Store any related evidence such as devices, batteries, documents, and other items in a clean, safe location where they will not be disturbed.



CONTACT A BURN INJURY ATTORNEY

Burn victims often find themselves severely injured and struggling with mounting medical bills, lost wages, severe pain, and more. These cases can be complicated because of the nature of the injuries as well as the large, corporate defendants often involved. Here at Paynter Law, we understand how overwhelming and frustrating this can all be. That's why we make ourselves available to our clients 24/7, and we have an entire legal team working with you every step of the way.

HOW BURN INJURIES OCCUR

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Although fires are rare in vehicle accidents, when a fire does occur as a result of a wreck, it is often deadly. Burns from vehicle collisions can be the result of direct exposure to flames, but burns also occur from exposure to steam, from air bag deployment, or from road burn or road rash during a motorcycle or bicycle wreck. All of these burns can range from extremely painful to life threatening, depending on the severity of the burn. Medical providers, especially burn centers, can provide the necessary treatment to ensure the quickest and most thorough recovery possible. The type of treatment varies depending on the severity of the burn and other factors, but it may include surgery, antibiotics, debriding, skin grafts, frequent dressing/bandage changes, and pain management.



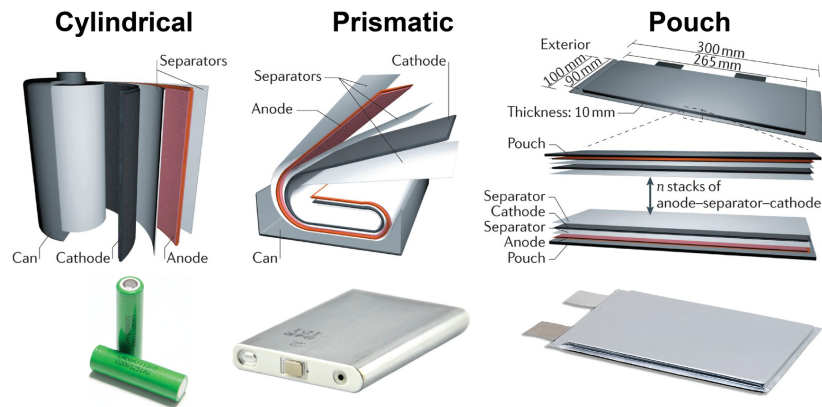
EXPLOSIONS



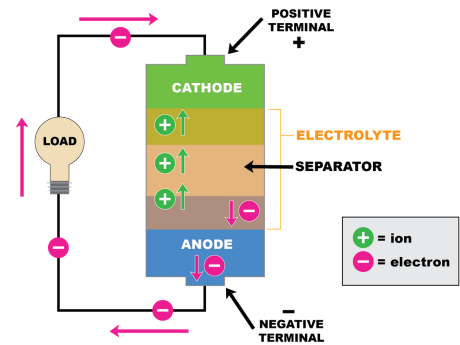
Burn injuries can also occur as the result of an explosion. Explosions can happen on job sites, in homes, around gas lines, in factories or plants, and on farm or agricultural sites. These injuries are often thermal, chemical, or electrical burns which occur as a result of contact with hot liquids or surfaces, chemicals, fire, or high heat. Burns in these settings are frequently coupled with other typical blast/explosion injuries such as eye and ear injuries, traumatic brain injuries, lung injuries, and more. Medical treatment and recovery times vary widely depending on the type and severity of the injuries.

LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

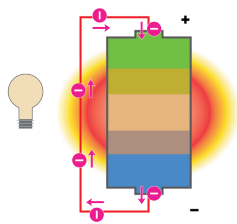
Lithium-ion batteries are rechargeable batteries used in many portable electronic devices such as vape pens, e-cigarettes, and cell phones. They are also used in larger products such as electric cars. Some smaller devices use a single battery cell; others combine multiple cells into larger batteries.



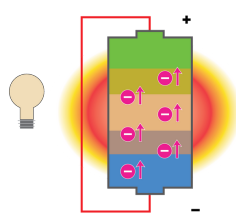
Lithium-ion battery fires or explosions are often the result of manufacturing and/or design defects. For example, if the separator inside the battery is too thin, improperly installed, or made from flawed materials, this can result in a short circuit. This in turn can cause the rapid accumulation of heat, pushing the battery into a condition known as thermal runaway.



External Short Circuit
Electrons flow through external material.



Internal Short Circuit
Electrons flow through the separator.



During thermal runaway, the temperature of a battery cell increases so rapidly that the cell is not able to dispel the increased heat. In these conditions, there can be a fiery discharge of all the energy in the battery within seconds, resulting in fire and/or explosion.

ABOUT US

Small Firm. National Experience.

Paynter Law was founded over ten years ago in Washington, DC by Stuart Paynter. The firm found nearly immediate success and national recognition, and additional offices were opened in North Carolina within only a few years. Paynter Law provides the kind of accessible, personalized legal services often found with smaller firms, along with the diverse, in-depth, and high-level experience and knowledge of a national firm.

\$500M+

In Verdicts & Settlements

No Legal Fees

Until You Win

75+ Years

Combined Experience

Paynter Law was founded in response to an identified need for quality, dedicated representation for individuals, consumers, and small businesses. Our attorneys possess top-notch legal training, a diverse skill set, essential litigation experience, and are licensed in states across the U.S., including North Carolina, California, New York, the District of Columbia, New Mexico, and Tennessee.



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RESOURCES

If you or a loved one has suffered burn injuries as the result of an explosion, fire, vehicle wreck, or lithium-ion battery, a law firm with specific experience in this area will know how to work with you to maximize your claim so that you can focus on recovering from your injuries. You may have claims against one or more of the following: individuals, manufacturers, retailers, distributors, other corporate entities, or others in the supply chain.



You need a lawyer who knows how to litigate these cases, accurately identify the responsible parties, and work with medical and technical experts. Our consultation is free, so give us a call today.

Referrals. If you're an attorney, we would be happy to talk with you about co-counsel, local counsel, or referral fee arrangements.



They were able to answer our questions, made us feel they had our best interest as their goal, and kept us informed as to the status of our case.
– Don & Peggy



After being involved in an accident, I reached out to The Paynter Law Firm – they were quick, professional, and very personal – highly recommend this team.
– Bradley B.

- <https://www.cdc.gov/masstrauma/factsheets/public/burns.pdf>
- <https://ameriburn.org/public-resources/burn-survivor-resources/>
- <https://www.phoenix-society.org/>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/masstrauma/preparedness/primer.pdf>

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