

## MY LEGAL RIGHTS

**Q. I was recently involved in a car crash in which I was injured. My doctor told me to take time off from work, but I only have vacation time. Am I entitled to reimbursement for my lost vacation time?**

A. If the other driver is found to be at fault in your collision, and your injuries are related to that collision, then yes the other driver is responsible to reimburse you for your lost vacation time. Your lost wages and/or vacation time are benefits, and if you lose those benefits because of the negligence of another driver, then you are entitled to recovery. You are also entitled to recover all other out-of-pocket expenses (medications, heating pads, sports creams, etc.), so long as they are reasonably related to your injuries. As we have discussed in the past, this may also include reimbursement for house cleaning or lawn maintenance services if you are unable to perform those duties because of your injuries. These are complicated legal issues, and you should always consult with a qualified personal injury attorney before making any decisions.

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