

Can You Recover if You Were Partly at Fault in Texas Many people assume that if they did anything wrong before a crash, they can't file a claim. Maybe you were a few miles over the limit on Wurzbach Parkway. Maybe you rolled a little late through a yellow on NW Military Highway. It's natural to feel guilty. But in Texas, being partly at fault doesn't automatically end your case. Texas follows a rule called modified comparative fault, which the law calls proportionate responsibility. Here's how it works. If you're found partly responsible, your recovery is reduced by your share of the fault. Say a jury finds you 20 percent responsible and the other driver 80 percent responsible. You can still recover, but your damages are cut by 20 percent. The line that matters is 51 percent. If you're found 51 percent or more at fault, you can't recover anything from the other side. Fault can also be split among more than two people. In a chain-reaction crash on Loop 1604, responsibility might be divided among three or four drivers, and your share is weighed against all of them. That line is exactly why insurance adjusters work so hard to shift blame. Every point of fault they move onto you saves their company money, and crossing the 51 percent mark saves them everything. You'll hear questions like "How fast would you say you were going?" or "Did you look both ways?" They sound harmless. They aren't. Alex Aguirre started his career as an insurance defense attorney, defending insurance companies against injury claims, so he's seen from the inside how fault arguments get built. That background helps when the other side tries to rewrite what happened.

The Aguirre Law Firm, PLLC | 3015 Napier Pk, San Antonio, TX 78231 | (210) 922-0808

Evidence is how you push back. Photos of the scene, the Texas Peace Officer's Crash Report (CR-3), witness statements, camera footage and the damage patterns on each vehicle all help show what really happened. At busy spots like I-10 and Loop 1604 or Bandera Road and Loop 1604, where failure to yield and following too closely cause so many wrecks, small details like who entered the lane first can shift the fault picture a lot. A San Antonio car accident lawyer can gather that evidence before it disappears and respond when an insurer tries [San Antonio auto collision attorney](#) to pin more of the blame on you. So don't talk yourself out of a claim before anyone has looked at the facts. The Aguirre Law Firm offers a free consultation, works on contingency so there's no fee unless they win, and answers calls 24/7. Call (210) 922-0808 or visit the office at Napier Park, just off Loop 1604 in north San Antonio. Hablamos Español, and online appointments are available if it's hard to get out right now.

The Aguirre Law Firm, PLLC Address: 3015 Napier Pk, San Antonio, TX 78231 Phone: (210) 922-0808 FAQ About San Antonio Car Accident Lawyer How much do lawyers take from a car accident settlement in Texas? Most Texas car accident lawyers work on contingency, so their fee is a percentage of what they recover and nothing if they lose. The Aguirre Law Firm, PLLC handles San Antonio car accident cases this way, with no upfront cost and no fee unless the firm wins. The exact percentage is set out in your written fee agreement before any work starts, so there are no surprises. How hard is it to win a car accident lawsuit? It depends on the evidence. Clear fault, a CR-3 crash report, photos, witnesses and consistent medical records make a claim much stronger. Founder Alex Aguirre spent the start of his career defending insurance companies, so the firm knows the arguments insurers use to deny or shrink claims and prepares for them early. Most cases settle, but the team is ready to go to trial when an offer is unfair. What is my San Antonio car accident claim worth? No honest lawyer can put a number on your claim without looking at the details. Value depends on your medical bills, future treatment, lost wages, the severity of your injuries and how clear the other driver's fault is. The Aguirre Law Firm, PLLC reviews all of this in a free consultation and explains what compensation may be realistic for your situation. What should I do after a car accident in San Antonio? Check everyone for injuries, call 911 and get the report number from SAPD or the Bexar County Sheriff's Office. Take photos of the vehicles and the scene, get witness details and see a doctor quickly, even if you feel fine. Then call The Aguirre Law Firm, PLLC at (210) 922-0808, which is open 24 hours a day. Can I recover compensation if I was partially at fault? Yes, in many cases. Texas uses modified comparative fault, so you can still recover as long as you are less than 51 percent responsible, although your award is reduced by your share of the blame. Insurers often push extra fault onto injured drivers after crashes at busy spots like Loop 1604 and I-

10, and the firm works to challenge that with evidence. Should I talk to the other driver's insurance company? It's best not to give a recorded statement before you get legal advice. Adjusters can use casual comments like "I'm fine" to argue your injuries aren't serious. Alex Aguirre knows these tactics from his years on the defense side, and his team can handle insurer calls for you from the first day. How long do I have to file a car accident claim in Texas? Texas generally gives you two years from the date of the crash to file a personal injury lawsuit, and two years from the date of death for a wrongful death claim. Some claims, such as those involving a government vehicle, can have earlier notice requirements. Calling The Aguirre Law Firm, PLLC early gives the team time to gather evidence before it disappears. What compensation can I get after a San Antonio car wreck? You may be able to recover current and future medical costs, lost wages and earning capacity, property damage, pain and suffering, mental anguish and physical impairment. In cases of gross negligence, such as some drunk driving crashes, Texas law may also allow exemplary damages. The firm reviews every category so nothing gets left out of your claim. What if the driver who hit me has no insurance? Your own policy may still protect you. Texas insurers must offer uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage and personal injury protection, and PIP is included unless you rejected it in writing. The Aguirre Law Firm, PLLC reviews your policy for free and pursues every available source of recovery, including in hit and run cases. Do I need a lawyer for a minor car accident? If nobody was hurt and the damage is small, you may not need one. If you have pain, missed work or the insurer is disputing fault, a free consultation is worth the call. The Aguirre Law Firm, PLLC will tell you plainly whether your San Antonio crash needs legal help. How long does a car accident settlement take in Texas? Simple claims can settle in a few months, while serious injury cases often take longer because you need to finish treatment before the full cost is known. Clients of the firm often mention regular update calls from paralegal Jackie and case manager Nicole, so you're never left guessing where your case stands. Does the firm help Spanish-speaking clients? Yes. Hablamos Espanol, and the firm offers language assistance so Spanish-speaking clients can discuss their case comfortably. Founder Alex Aguirre is a San Antonio native and a former president of the Mexican American Bar Association. Call (210) 922-0808 for a free consultation in English or Spanish.