



BOAT ACCIDENTS: FAST FACTS

In 2004, there were over 4,900 reported boating accidents, resulting in nearly 3,400 injuries and 700 deaths. The number one type of boating accident was a collision with another vessel. Approximately 70% of the boating accident fatalities were a result of drowning.

A BRIEF HISTORY

An injury can happen on

- Tourboat
- Ferry
- Open Motorboat
- Cabin Motorboat
- Personal Watercraft (jetski)
- Sailboat
- Speedboat
- Ship

Get compensation for

- Medical bills
- Lost wages
- Pain & suffering

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The tour boat and cruise ship industries have placed limits on when and where you can place a claim. Those restrictions appear in the fine print of the ticket. The ticket may also have a provision that requires you to file your claim within one year of the time accidents occur, and they also require that claims be made in a certain state, usually in the state where the ship operator has its' main office, and often not where you live. This type of "small print" tactic can result in you being forced to bring your lawsuit far from where you live. Due to these limitations, it is important to have representation from an experienced attorney who can ensure that you take the right steps towards a resolution to your claim.

Tour Boat and Cruise ship lines have a responsibility to make sure there are no dangerous conditions on board that can cause serious injury to its passengers. When cruise ship accidents occur because of poor maintenance, incompetent staff members, or improperly trained employees, the tour and ship owners can be held legally responsible for negligence. Owners can also be held liable for cruise ship accidents that are caused by inadequate safety equipment or emergency precautions. Victims of tour boat and cruise ship accidents may be entitled to compensation for medical bills, lost wages, and pain and suffering.

For more information, please call us at **1.800.966.4999**.