

UNDERSTANDING PRODUCT LIABILITY CLAIMS

Just as products come in innumerable designs and perform countless functions, they can also cause consumers harm in a variety of ways when they are defective or inherently dangerous. Every manufacturer of a product needs to ensure that the item being sold to consumers is safe for use in every potential scenario.

If there is any possible way it could malfunction, break or otherwise fail and cause harm to someone, it must be corrected before it can get onto shelves. If the danger is unavoidable, such as a shock hazard when using an electric item, ample warnings must be used throughout the product's packaging and body to make it clear that harm could happen.

Injuries frequently reported in product liability claims include:

- Broken bones
- Electrocution burns
- Lacerations
- Traumatic head injuries
- Spinal cord damage
- Illness from exposure to harsh chemicals

In the past several years, two products have received a great deal of media attention regarding product liability claims: hoverboards and Takata airbags.

A wildly popular gift idea for the 2015 holiday season, electronic, two-wheeled, self-balancing hoverboards sold incredibly well. By the time 2016 rolled around, it was already clear that the small rollers were dangerous. Dozens of reports of fall accidents and house fires caused by the defective devices prompted retailers, including the online giant Amazon, to remove hoverboards from shelves.

Takata airbags are at the center of an ongoing controversy and massive automobile recall. The airbags have caused several reported deaths due to a highly explosive chemical compound used in the inflator. Slight collisions and even humid air conditions can cause the airbags to burst without warning, hurling sharp shrapnel towards motorists.

In these two instances, those injured by either a Takata airbag or a hoverboard can recover compensation through an individual lawsuit or by opting into a preexisting class action. In other cases, there may not be a class action suit in place, and you will have to file as an individual.

If you are unsure if your injury or accident was caused by the defective product or whether you have grounds for a product liability case, you should seek legal counsel regarding your claim.



PREPARATION IS KEY IN ALL PRODUCT LIABILITY CLAIMS

Success matters when pursuing compensation in product liability cases, and the attorneys at The Vaughn Law Offices are experienced in handling product liability claims. Our personal injury attorneys will create a thorough and detailed case that proves all the necessary elements in a product liability claim so that those liable for your injuries will be held responsible for compensating you for your injuries and damages.

At our initial consultation, we will gather the facts to determine if this is a product liability case, and if so, provide the legal guidance and litigation representation if needed. If your injury is obscure or rare, it doesn't mean that the defective product did not cause it, although it could mean that the road ahead while you are seeking fair compensation could be more difficult.

Whatever your needs may be, we would be happy to discuss them during an [initial consultation](#).

Since 2001, the attorneys at The Vaughn Law Offices have been providing legal assistance to personal injury clients.

When success matters, contact us at 303-586-5905 and tell us what you need.