

Who Is Liable If FLYING DEBRIS HITS YOUR CAR?

Below are the most common scenarios where someone else may be held legally responsible if flying debris hits your car:

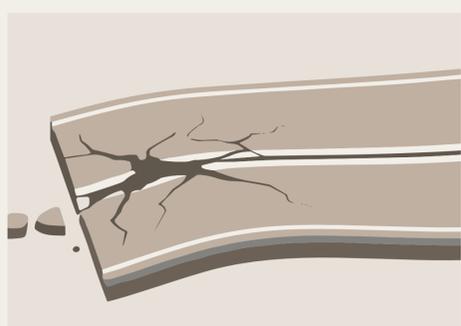
The Vehicle That Caused the Debris

If debris falls off another vehicle and strikes your car, the driver of that vehicle may be liable. This often happens if a driver fails to properly secure their cargo or ignores vehicle maintenance issues.

Drivers have a legal duty to make sure their vehicle and cargo are safe for the road. If they fail to do so and someone else is harmed, they can be held responsible for the resulting damage and injuries.

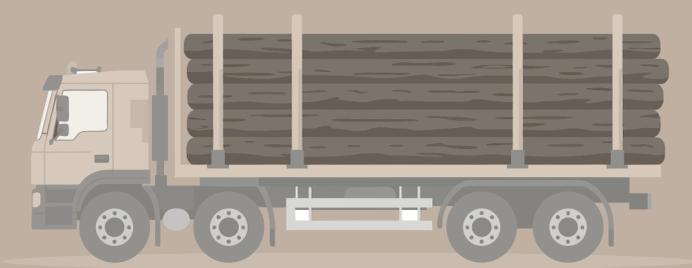


Government Entities



In some situations, flying debris is caused by poor road conditions or a failure to maintain public roadways. If debris has been left on the road for an unreasonable amount of time, a government entity responsible for road maintenance may be liable.

Claims against government agencies are more complex and often involve strict deadlines and notice requirements. This makes it especially important to act quickly and seek legal guidance if you believe a public entity may be responsible.



Commercial Trucking Companies

Commercial trucking companies are frequently involved in flying debris accidents. Large trucks often carry heavy or oversized loads, and improper cargo securement can lead to serious roadway hazards.

Because commercial carriers are subject to strict safety standards, violations can strengthen a personal injury claim. These cases may also involve multiple parties, including the driver, the trucking company, and even third-party contractors.

Construction Companies

Construction companies are responsible for keeping work areas safe for the public. If the hazardous debris comes from an active or poorly managed construction zone, they may be held responsible for the damages.

This can look like:

- Materials left unsecured near traffic
- Construction debris spilled into travel lanes
- Inadequate warning signs or barriers



Cargo Loading Companies

Improper loading techniques can cause cargo to shift or fall during transit. If a third-party cargo loading company failed to follow safety standards, they may share liability for the accident. These cases often require a thorough investigation to identify all responsible parties.

The Complexity of "Kicked Up" Debris



"Kicked up" debris refers to objects already on the roadway that are thrown into the air by another vehicle and then strike your car. In these instances, the driver who kicked up the debris is not considered negligent unless they were driving recklessly or created an unsafe situation.

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