

Recovering From Burn Injuries: Your Legal Rights and Options

A Louisiana-ready evidence + documentation checklist you can use while healing.

First 72 Hours Priorities

- Get medical care based on severity. Electrical burns, major chemical burns, and breathing issues are emergencies.
- Take clear photos of the scene and the burn on day one, then repeat at consistent intervals as swelling and blistering change.
- Write down who was present, what caused the burn, and what was done immediately after the incident.
- Keep every receipt and record: prescriptions, dressings, co-pays, mileage, and time missed from work.

Evidence To Preserve

- The item that burned you (device, charger, tool, chemical container) stored safely and unaltered.
- Packaging, instructions, serial numbers, and purchase records tied to the product or equipment.
- Incident reports, maintenance logs, and any photos/video from bystanders or surveillance cameras.
- If a fire occurred: the location of origin, damaged components, and any repair or cleanup records.

Quick Proof Map

Record	Why It Matters
Photos over time	Shows depth changes and scarring
Medical notes	Documents severity and treatment plan
Preserved source	Lets experts test the cause
Work limits	Connects injury to function

If you are dealing with insurer pressure, focus on preserving reality first: records, photos, and the physical source.

Infographic 1: Evidence Blueprint

Five steps to protect the burn injury record.

Burn Injury Evidence Blueprint

5 Steps + First 72 Hours Checklist

STEP 1: TIMELINE

Write a 24-hour timeline of events



STEP 2: PHOTOS

Photo the scene and the burn every day



STEP 3: MEDICAL

Ask for depth + TBSA notes at each visit



STEP 4: FUNCTION

Track sleep, grip, heat, and work limits



STEP 5: PRESERVE

Preserve the source: device, SDS, debris

FIRST 72 HOURS

- Get urgent care fast
- Photo burns over time
- Keep meds + receipts
- Ask for follow-up plan
- Save the device/SDS
- List witnesses + video

Jump To: [Timeline Builder](#) [Defense Audit](#)

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Infographic 2: Defense Vs Evidence

Match common defenses to the proof that answers them.

Defense Vs Evidence Burn Injury Claims

Common insurer angles
and the records that
close the gaps

Defense Angle	Evidence Anchor
Low impact, small burn area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photos over time • Depth + TBSA notes • Work limits docs
No defect, user misuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve device • Keep packaging • Recall search
Healed quickly, so no damages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up notes • Scar care plan • Pain + itch diary
Infection was your fault	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wound care rules • Rx + visits log • Provider warnings
Pre-existing skin problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before/after pics • Derm notes • Medication history

Use This With The
Defense Audit Section

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What We Do First

- Secure key evidence before cleanup, repairs, or disposal lock in a defense narrative.
- Organize medical records so the timeline shows depth, treatment, restrictions, and complications clearly.
- Identify all potential responsible parties and the insurance layers that may apply.

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