

Ford Sued Over Rollover Crash

A lawsuit has been filed in Texarkana over a rollover accident that took the life of a woman. The husband filed the lawsuit, claiming that Ford was negligent in the design of their Ford Expedition vehicle. That negligence is alleged to have contributed to the death of the woman.

SUVs have been implicated in many rollover vehicles over time. These vehicles do tend to have a high center of gravity, and that is alleged to have contributed to some rollover crashes. If you're in a vehicle with a high center of gravity, be aware of the risks.

The Risks

When a vehicle has a high center of gravity, it is more unstable in turns than a car with a lower center of gravity. These vehicles tend to sit very high, to have large tires and to have tall cabs that lift their center of gravity higher off the ground. Compared to the average passenger vehicle, for instance, SUVs tend to tip a lot more when taking a corner at speed.

Why Do they Have this Design?

SUVs are designed for just what the name says, sport and utility. Though they're most often employed as large passenger vehicles, they do have four-wheel drive and other enhancements that make them suitable for more rugged use.

Vehicles that are specifically designed to be used off road tend to have lower centers of gravity than SUVs. This is so they can safely navigate uneven surfaces and take other challenges. They still need to be high up, however, so they have enough clearance to overcome obstructions in their path of travel. Striking a balance between height and stability is a challenge for automakers; though some vehicles are designed quite well line this regard.

Know Your Vehicle

If you do have a higher vehicle, be sure you accommodate that when you drive. You'll want to take corners more gently and at slower speeds than you would in a low-sitting car. Be aware that your speed may be faster than it seems when your vehicle is higher off the ground than average. In a large SUV, it's easy to speed without even knowing it and speeding around a corner is the last thing you want to do in a high vehicle.

Texas wrongful death lawyers may be able to help your family if you've lost someone on in a crash like the one described.

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