

Vehicle Accident Evidence CHECKLIST



Evidence from the Scene

- Photographs and Video
- Other Driver/Car Owner Name, Contact Info
- Other Vehicle Make, Model, License Plate Number
- Other Driver Insurance Info
- Other Vehicle Passenger Names/Descriptions
- Witness Statements
- Police Report
- Your Notes



Evidence of Injuries

- Ambulance Report
- Emergency Room/Urgent Care Report
- Test Reports
- Treatment Notes
- Your Injury Diary
- Statements of Others



Proof of Income

- Work Notes from Doctor
- Pay Stubs Prior to Crash
- Income Statement from Employer (or Profit and Loss Statements if self-employed)



Evidence of Damages

- Ambulance Bill
- Emergency Room Bill (Hospital) and Emergency Room Doctor Bill
- Urgent Care Bill
- Treatment Bills
- Imaging Study Bills
- Therapy Bills
- Receipts (meds, crutches, etc.)
- Replacement Services
- Transportation Receipts or Mileage



Property Damage Evidence

- Vehicle Repair Bills/Estimates
- Repair or Replacement Cost of Personal Items (glasses, clothing, etc.)



Notes:



How to Use Your Vehicle Accident Evidence CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to make sure you've collected as much evidence as possible to support your car accident injury claim. Whether you handle your own claim or hire an attorney, you need evidence to prove the other driver's fault and to link your damages to the crash.

Insurance payouts are calculated based on your injury treatment costs with an added amount for pain and suffering. You can maximize payment for your injuries with evidence showing the extent of your injuries and the impact of those injuries on your ability to work and daily activities.



Helpful Tips for Gathering Evidence

Immediately After the Crash

- Call 911 to report the accident and any injuries. Never refuse medical attention.
- Passengers don't have to tell you anything, but you can write down their descriptions.
- Take as many photos and videos as you safely can.
- Write down everything that happened before, during, and after the crash.

Evidence of Injuries

- Tell every medical provider who treats you exactly when and how you were injured.
- Get copies of all medical records, therapy records, and test reports.
- Keep an injury diary detailing your pain, emotions, and limitations caused by your injuries.
- Family or friends can provide statements about your pain, helplessness, and need for assistance during your recovery.
- Your diary and friend's statements will help support the value of your pain and suffering.

Proof of Damages

- Medical bills and receipts should reflect the full cost of treatment before any adjustments for Medicare, Medicaid, or private health insurance.
- Get itemized bills for every medical visit or therapy visit.
- Get receipts for the full cost of medications, crutches, etc., not just your copay.
- If you had imaging studies, like X-rays, CT Scans, or an MRI, there will be a bill from the facility and a separate bill from the radiologist who interpreted the images.
- Replacement services include hiring help with child care, yard care, and other activities you can't do while recovering from your injuries.
- Transportation costs include parking fees and mileage or cab fare for medical appointments.