

How to Collect Evidence After a Car Accident



Things move very quickly after a car accident, and it can be difficult to know what your next steps should be. But if the accident wasn't your fault, the other driver's insurance company should pay you compensation for your damages and injuries. Unfortunately, most at-fault drivers won't take the high road after causing a collision, and may even try to spin a different story of the accident.

So what can you do to ensure that everyone will know the truth?

Here are 4 critical steps you can take to collect the evidence you need to protect your right to damages:



1 Call 911 at the scene of the accident to notify law enforcement and get a copy of the police record.

At the scene, police will take down statements, talk to witnesses, and collect evidence to complete a report. This report could be vital to your case. The police record is especially helpful if your case involves a drunk, distracted, or uninsured driver.



2 Take photos of the scene -- even just with your phone.

Photographs can help you and your attorney recreate the events that led up to the crash. The right pictures can clear you of liability, establish the defendant as the at-fault party, and ultimately prove that your injuries are worthy of compensation. You can take pictures of the scene even before the police arrive, to ensure that you have them before the crash is cleaned up.

Photos you want to take include:

- ★ *The accident itself*
- ★ *Damage to your car / other property damage*
- ★ *The other car(s) involved*
- ★ *License plates*
- ★ *Your physical injuries (or injuries of your passengers)*
- ★ *Insurance information*
- ★ *The streets where the collision occurred*



Collect contact info and testimonies from witnesses of the accident.

Memories of people involved in a crash can sometimes be foggy due to the trauma and fear. That's why it's so helpful to obtain testimonies of people who witnessed the accident corroborating your account of the events. Be sure to get their contact information, as well, so that your attorney can contact them at a later date.



See a medical professional after the crash to obtain your medical record.

Even if you don't feel any pain immediately after the accident, a doctor will best be able to tell you if you've suffered any injuries. Everything will be organized in your medical record, which can be used to support your claim by clearly stating the extent of your injuries as proof of the accident, not a preexisting condition.

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