

Critical First 48 Hours

Accident Checklist

If you were just in an accident, what you do next matters. Use this checklist to protect your health and preserve evidence.

Do these immediately

- Call 911 if anyone is hurt or the scene is unsafe.
- Get medical attention right away — even if you feel “fine.”
- Document everything: photos/video of vehicles, injuries, road conditions, skid marks, and traffic controls.
- Get names, phone numbers, insurance info, and license plate numbers for everyone involved.
- Identify witnesses and get their contact information.
- Do NOT admit fault or speculate about what happened.

Before you talk to insurance

- Do NOT give a recorded statement to the other driver’s insurer.
- Stick to the facts and keep it short.
- Do not sign anything you don’t understand (releases, authorizations, settlements).

Save and organize

- Police report number and responding agency.
- Tow receipts, repair estimates, rental car receipts.
- Medical paperwork, discharge notes, prescriptions.
- Photos of bruising/swelling over the next few days.

Need help now?

Call (972) 972-4969

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