



CAR CRASH CHECKLIST

What You Shouldn't Leave The Scene Without

When you're involved in a car crash, there are steps you can take immediately afterward to make sure you're protected. While completing a checklist may be the last thing on your mind after a shocking incident, it can go a long way in saving you time and money when it comes to filing a claim. Having valuable facts written down may play an imperative role in your ability to file a claim for your incident that is truthful, effective and timely. Leaving the scene before you have all of the information you need may prolong your case if you have to spend time tracking down important details after the initial investigation has been completed.

Depending on the severity of the crash you were involved in, you may be able to get up and walk around to assess any damage. If you are in this position, it is important that you begin gathering information right away.

Use the checklist below to make sure you've gathered all of the necessary information before you leave the scene of a collision.

PEOPLE

- ☐ Names, addresses and phone numbers of everyone involved in the accident
- ☐ Personal driver's license number of other driver(s) involved
- ☐ Any witnesses' names and contact information
- ☐ The name, badge number, and contact information for any police officer who comes to the scene

VEHICLES

- ☐ License plate number(s) on the other vehicle(s) involved
- ☐ Vehicle registration information of other vehicles involved
- ☐ Appearance and details of other vehicles involved, including:
 - ☐ *Make and model*
 - ☐ *Year*
 - ☐ *Color*
 - ☐ *Type (i.e. truck, van, etc)*
- ☐ Take photos of other vehicles involved possible

INSURANCE

- ☐ Name of the other drivers' insurance companies
- ☐ Corresponding insurance policy numbers

SITUATION & ENVIRONMENT

- ☐ Date and time of the accident
- ☐ Address of the accident, or approximate address
- ☐ Road you are on and the nearest cross street
- ☐ The direction you were traveling in
- ☐ The direction the other car was traveling in
- ☐ Take photos from a few angles or sketch a diagram of the crash scene
- ☐ What happened: Write out your account, or use your mobile phone to record yourself telling all the details for your own records
- ☐ Any notes regarding the driving conditions, the weather, visibility

- ✓ After you've gathered all of this necessary information, you'll be able to call your insurance company to report the accident and file a claim with all of the facts in hand.
- ✓ Next, contact a personal injury attorney at Cok Kinzler to seek legal advice about your accident. Our experienced team will protect your rights and make sure you receive full compensation for your injuries.

