

# HOUSTON CAR ACCIDENT CHECKLIST

Involved in a car accident? Follow this checklist to make sure you are treated fairly and that your legal rights are protected.

## Start Here:

### 1. Call 911 & Seek Medical Attention if Needed

- ★ Take note of your location (street name or highway sign) to provide to the operator.
- ★ Be aware that delaying treatment can make insurance coverage matters more difficult.

### 2. Gather Information About the Accident

- ★ The other driver's name address and telephone number.
- ★ The driver's license number of the other person and license plate of the car that hit you.
- ★ The name, address, and telephone number of any witnesses.
- ★ Photographs of the vehicles' resting place before they are moved and damage to both vehicles.
- ★ Recording of any statements by the other driver admitting fault.

### 3. Call the Police

- ★ Police reports can help determine fault.
- ★ The official crash report helps prevent the other side from changing their story.

### 4. Notify Your Insurance Company

- ★ Regardless of who was at fault, notify your insurance company immediately.
- ★ Do not communicate with the opposing party's insurance company or release medical/employment or other records to them before speaking with your attorney.
- ★ Do not accept the insurance company's valuation of your claim without consulting your car accident attorney.

## Next Steps:

### Assess Whether Medical Attention May Still Be Necessary

- ★ Even if injuries were not immediately apparent, seek medical attention right away if you experience stiffness or pain after the accident.

### Obtain a Copy of the Accident Report

- ★ The accident report should be submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation within 10 days.
- ★ Request your copy through the crash report online purchase system at <https://www.txdot.gov/driver/safety/crash-reports.html>.
- ★ You will need specific information to file the request, including:
  - The names of the parties involved in the accident.
  - Date of the accident.
  - Location of the accident.
- ★ The crash report costs \$6 for a regular copy and \$8 for a certified copy for a legal proceeding.

## Now Contact Your Personal Injury Attorney:

**(281) 587-1111**

We'll walk you through the rest of the process and provide a free consultation so you know what your case is worth.

  
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