Denver Multi-Vehicle Accident Checklist

Steps to take after a multi-vehicle accident in Denver.

Based on Denver Multi Vehicle Accidents And Pileups Accident Lawyer by McCormick and Murphy

1. Immediate Actions at the Scene

Prioritize safety and gather initial information.

- ■ Check for injuries and call 911 if anyone is hurt.
- ■ Move vehicles to a safe location if possible and not obstructing traffic.
- ■ Turn on hazard lights to alert other drivers.
- ■ Do not leave the scene of the accident.
- ■ Exchange contact and insurance information with all drivers involved.
- ■ Identify and note down the license plate numbers of all vehicles involved.
- ■ Note the location, date, and time of the accident.

2. Documenting the Scene

Gather evidence to help determine fault.

- ■ Take photos of the accident scene from multiple angles.
- ■ Photograph damage to all vehicles involved.
- ■ Photograph any injuries sustained.
- ■ Document road conditions (weather, visibility, surface).
- ■ Note any traffic control devices present (lights, signs, signals).
- ■ Look for and note any skid marks or debris on the road.
- ■ Record the names and contact information of any witnesses.

3. Understanding Fault in Pileups

Recognize factors that determine responsibility.

- ■ Identify the driver who committed the initial negligent act.
- ■ Consider if any driver failed to brake in time.
- ■ Note if any driver rear-ended a stopped vehicle.
- ■ Assess if your actions contributed to the crash.
- ■ Assess if speeding contributed to the crash.
- ■ Assess if following too closely contributed to the crash.
- ■ Assess if distracted driving contributed to the crash.

4. Working with Law Enforcement

Cooperate with police and obtain official reports.

- Wait for police to arrive and file a report.
- Provide accurate information to the responding officer.
- Ask the officer for the police report number.
- Obtain the name and badge number of the reporting officer.
- Request a copy of the police report when available.

5. Gathering Evidence for Reconstruction

Collect information that aids accident reconstruction.

- Identify potential traffic camera locations.
- Note any nearby businesses that might have security footage.
- Gather information about the sequence of collisions.
- Document any contributing factors like road construction or poor lighting.

6. Protecting Your Rights

Take steps to ensure your claim is handled properly.

- Do not admit fault at the scene.
- Notify your insurance company about the accident.
- Keep detailed records of all communications.
- Avoid giving recorded statements to other insurance companies without legal advice.
- Consult with a personal injury lawyer specializing in multi-vehicle accidents.

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