

# Distracted Driving Accident Checklist

Steps to take after a distracted driving accident.

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## 1. Gather Initial Information

*Collect immediate details at the accident scene.*

- Note any signs of driver distraction observed.
- Identify potential witnesses.
- Record the other driver's information.
- Obtain the police report number.

## 2. Document the Scene

*Preserve evidence from the accident location.*

- Take photos of the accident scene from multiple angles.
- Photograph vehicle damage.
- Document road conditions and traffic signals.

## 3. Collect Witness Information

*Secure statements from anyone who saw the accident.*

- Get names and contact information of witnesses.
- Ask witnesses what they observed regarding driver behavior.
- Note if any witnesses saw the other driver using a phone.

## 4. Obtain Driver's Phone Records

*Secure evidence of phone usage by the other driver.*

- Understand that phone records show call, text, and data usage times.
- Be aware that an attorney can subpoena these records.
- Request records even if the driver denies phone use.

## 5. Investigate Additional Evidence

*Explore other sources of information about the crash.*

- Inquire about traffic camera footage availability.
- Determine if the vehicle has a "black box" with event data.
- Review the police report for notes on distracted behavior.

## 6. Analyze Social Media and App Data

*Check digital footprints for evidence of distraction.*

- Consider social media timestamps around the time of the crash.

- Investigate app usage data from the driver's phone.

## **7. Consult an Attorney**

*Seek legal expertise for your claim.*

- Find a lawyer experienced in distracted driving accidents.
- Discuss how an attorney can obtain and present evidence.
- Understand the importance of effective evidence presentation.

## Resources & Further Reading

*Use these pages while working through the checklist:*

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