

Failure to Yield Accident Checklist

Steps to take after a failure to yield accident in Colorado Springs.

Based on Colorado Springs Failure To Yield Right Of Way Accident Lawyers by McCormick and Murphy

1. Immediate Actions After the Accident

Prioritize safety and gather essential information at the scene.

- Ensure everyone's safety and check for injuries.
- Call 911 immediately to report the accident.
- Do not admit fault or apologize.
- Exchange contact and insurance information with the other driver.
- Identify and note down witness information.
- Take photos of the accident scene, vehicle damage, and any injuries.
- Note the location, time, and weather conditions.

2. Understanding Failure to Yield

Recognize common scenarios that constitute a failure to yield.

- Did the other driver run a stop sign?
- Did the other driver turn left without a safe gap in oncoming traffic?
- Did the other driver enter an intersection on a red light?
- Did the other driver merge into traffic without yielding?
- Did the other driver fail to stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk?
- Was there a violation of specific Colorado traffic laws regarding right-of-way?

3. Documenting the Incident

Create a detailed record of the accident and its aftermath.

- Obtain a copy of the police report.
- Keep a log of all medical appointments and treatments.
- Record all expenses related to the accident (medical bills, vehicle repairs, lost wages).
- Write down your recollection of the accident while it's fresh.
- Save all correspondence with insurance companies.

4. Medical Attention

Seek prompt medical evaluation for any injuries, even if they seem minor.

- Get a medical examination immediately after the accident.
- Follow all doctor's recommendations for treatment and recovery.
- Attend all follow-up appointments.

- Discuss any pain or discomfort with your healthcare provider.

5. Insurance Claims

Navigate the insurance claim process carefully.

- Notify your insurance company about the accident.
- Provide accurate information to your insurance adjuster.
- Be cautious about recorded statements to the other party's insurance.
- Understand your policy coverage.
- Keep records of all communications with insurance adjusters.

6. Legal Consultation

Consider seeking legal advice to understand your rights and options.

- Consult with an attorney specializing in auto accidents.
- Discuss the specifics of your case with your lawyer.
- Understand the legal process for pursuing a claim.
- Ask about potential compensation for damages and injuries.
- Gather all documentation for your lawyer.

Resources & Further Reading

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Understand your rights and responsibilities after a failure to yield accident.