

Multi-Vehicle Accident Checklist

Steps to take after a Pueblo multi-vehicle accident.

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

1. Immediate Actions at the Scene

Prioritize safety and gather essential information immediately following the accident.

- Ensure your safety and the safety of others.
- Call 911 for emergency services and police.
- Do not admit fault for the accident.
- Exchange contact and insurance information with all drivers involved.
- Identify and note down all vehicles and drivers involved.
- Note the location, date, and time of the accident.
- Check for any injuries and seek medical attention if necessary.

2. Documenting the Scene

Gather evidence at the scene to support your claim.

- Take photos of the accident scene from multiple angles.
- Photograph the damage to all vehicles involved.
- Take pictures of any contributing factors (e.g., road conditions, traffic signals).
- Note the weather conditions at the time of the accident.
- Record the names and contact information of any witnesses.
- Write down your recollection of how the accident happened.

3. Police and Official Reports

Ensure official records are created and accessible.

- Obtain the police report number.
- Request a copy of the official police accident report.
- Note the reporting officer's name and badge number.

4. Understanding Liability

Learn how fault is determined in Colorado.

- Understand that fault can be divided among multiple drivers.
- Recognize that the driver initiating the chain reaction is often primarily at fault.
- Be aware that other drivers can share liability (e.g., for speeding, following too closely, distracted driving).
- Learn about Colorado's modified comparative negligence rule.
- Understand that a percentage of fault may be assigned to each driver.

5. Investigation Process

Cooperate with and understand the investigation steps.

- Be prepared for an investigation to determine liability.
- Provide accurate witness statements.
- Cooperate with accident reconstruction efforts if applicable.
- Gather all documentation related to the accident.

6. Seeking Legal Counsel

Consider consulting with an attorney specializing in multi-vehicle accidents.

- Consult with an accident lawyer experienced in multi-vehicle collisions.
- Discuss the details of your accident with your attorney.
- Understand how an attorney can help determine liability.
- Allow your attorney to handle communication with insurance companies.
- Seek legal advice regarding your rights and potential compensation.

Resources & Further Reading

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