

What to Do After a Car Accident in Colorado Springs

Navigate your car accident claim with expert guidance.

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Step 1: Prioritize Safety and Medical Attention

Ensure everyone involved is safe and seek immediate medical attention if injuries are present. Even minor pain can indicate serious underlying issues.

- Call 911 immediately if there are injuries or significant property damage.
- Do not admit fault at the scene.



Step 2: Gather Information at the Scene

Collect details about the accident, including the other driver's information, witness contacts, and photos of the scene and vehicle damage.

- Exchange insurance and contact information with the other driver.
- Note the date, time, and location of the accident.



Step 3: Report the Accident

File an official police report if one was not made at the scene, especially if there were injuries or significant damage.

- Obtain a copy of the police report for your records.



Step 4: Document Your Injuries and Damages

Keep detailed records of all medical treatments, expenses, and any lost wages due to the accident.

- Follow all doctor's recommendations for treatment.
- Save all medical bills and receipts.



Step 5: Avoid Speaking with Insurance Adjusters Alone

Insurance adjusters work for the insurance company and aim to minimize payouts. Do not give recorded statements or discuss details before consulting an attorney.

- Do not speak to any insurance company, even your own, without legal advice.
- Anything you say can be used against your claim.



Step 6: Consult with an Experienced Attorney

Contact a qualified car accident lawyer to understand your rights and options. They can handle communications with insurance companies on your behalf.

- An attorney can advise you on what to say and what not to say.
- Legal representation can help ensure you receive fair compensation.



Step 7: Negotiate a Settlement or Pursue Litigation

Your attorney will negotiate with the insurance company for a fair settlement. If a settlement cannot be reached, they will prepare to take your case to court.

- Do not accept a low settlement offer.
- An attorney will fight for maximum compensation for your injuries and losses.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this process:

■ Colorado Springs Car Accident Lawyers (Infographic)

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■ Auto Accident Claim Checklist

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