

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 at the Scene

Ensure safety and gather essential information right after the accident.

- Check for injuries to yourself and others.
- Call 911 immediately if there are injuries or significant damage.
- Move vehicles to a safe location if possible and not obstructing traffic.
- Do not admit fault for the accident.
- Exchange contact and insurance information with the other driver(s).
- Note the other driver's license plate number.
- Identify and speak with any witnesses.
- Take photos of the accident scene, vehicle damage, and any visible injuries.

2. Understanding Failure to Yield

Recognize common scenarios that constitute failure to yield under Colorado law.

- Did the other driver run a stop sign?
- Did the other driver turn left across oncoming traffic without a safe gap?
- 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 pedestrians in a crosswalk?
- Were there any other instances where a driver did not give priority when required?

3. Reporting the Accident

Ensure the accident is properly documented with law enforcement and insurance.

- File a police report if one was not made at the scene.
- Notify your insurance company about the accident promptly.
- Provide accurate details of the accident to your insurance adjuster.
- Obtain a copy of the official police report.

4. Documenting Damages and Injuries

Keep thorough records of all losses resulting from the accident.

- Seek medical attention for any injuries, even if they seem minor.
- Follow all doctor's recommendations and attend follow-up appointments.
- Keep detailed records of all medical bills and expenses.

- Document lost wages due to inability to work.
- Record any property damage to your vehicle or other belongings.
- Keep receipts for any related expenses (e.g., rental car, medical equipment).

5. Gathering Evidence

Collect all possible evidence to support your claim.

- Save all photos and videos taken at the scene.
- Collect contact information for all witnesses.
- Keep copies of all communication with insurance companies.
- Note down your recollection of the accident details while fresh.
- Preserve any damaged property that could serve as evidence.

6. Understanding Legal Responsibility

Recognize that failure to yield often leads to legal responsibility for damages.

- Understand that failure to yield is a violation of Colorado traffic law.
- Know that the driver who failed to yield is typically responsible for resulting collisions.
- Be aware that responsibility extends to injuries and damages caused.
- Consider the legal obligations of drivers regarding right-of-way.

7. Consulting Legal Counsel

Seek professional legal advice to navigate your claim.

- Consult with an attorney experienced in auto accident cases.
- Discuss the specifics of your failure to yield accident with your lawyer.
- Understand your legal rights and options.
- Allow your attorney to handle communications with insurance companies.
- Work with your lawyer to build a strong case for compensation.

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