

Head-On Collision Accident Checklist

Steps to take after a head-on collision in Denver

Based on Denver Head On Collision Accident Lawyer by McCormick and Murphy

1. Immediate Actions at the Scene

Prioritize safety and gather essential information immediately after the crash.

- Check for injuries to yourself and others.
- Call 911 immediately.
- Move vehicles out of traffic if safe to do so.
- Exchange insurance and contact information with the other driver.
- Identify and note down witness information.
- Take photos of the accident scene, vehicle damage, and injuries.
- Do not admit fault for the accident.

2. Seeking Medical Attention

Head-on collisions often cause severe injuries that may not be immediately apparent.

- Seek immediate medical evaluation, even if you feel fine.
- Follow all doctor's orders and attend follow-up appointments.
- Keep detailed records of all medical treatments and expenses.
- Discuss any pain or discomfort with your medical provider.
- Understand the long-term implications of your injuries.

3. Documenting the Collision

Thorough documentation is crucial for your claim.

- Obtain a copy of the police report.
- Keep a journal of your recovery process, including pain levels and limitations.
- Record all expenses related to the accident (medical bills, lost wages, property damage).
- Gather photos and videos of the accident scene and your injuries.
- Note down any conversations with insurance adjusters.

4. Understanding Your Injuries

Be aware of the common and severe injuries resulting from head-on crashes.

- Recognize potential for traumatic brain injuries (TBIs).
- Be aware of risks for spinal cord damage.
- Understand the possibility of multiple fractures.
- Consider internal organ damage as a potential consequence.

- Note any symptoms of delayed injury onset.

5. Dealing with Insurance Companies

Navigate the insurance claims process carefully.

- Notify your insurance company about the accident promptly.
- Be cautious about statements made to the other party's insurance adjuster.
- Understand your policy coverage.
- Keep records of all communication with insurance adjusters.
- Do not accept a settlement offer without understanding its full implications.

6. Considering Legal Representation

An attorney can help protect your rights after a serious accident.

- Consult with a personal injury attorney experienced in head-on collisions.
- Understand the attorney's role in negotiating with insurance companies.
- Discuss the potential value of your claim.
- Ask about the attorney's fee structure.
- Provide your attorney with all relevant documentation.

7. Recovering Damages

Seek compensation for all losses incurred due to the collision.

- Calculate medical expenses (past and future).
- Determine lost wages and future earning capacity.
- Account for property damage to your vehicle.
- Consider compensation for pain and suffering.
- Factor in any other related out-of-pocket expenses.

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Protect your rights and seek fair compensation after a severe head-on collision.