

# Seeking Compensation After a Reckless Driving Accident in Denver

Understand your rights and the process for pursuing a claim.

Based on [Denver Reckless Driving Accident Lawyer](#) by McCormick and Murphy

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## Step 1: Identify Reckless Driving

Determine if the driver's actions showed a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of others, meaning they knew their conduct was dangerous and proceeded anyway.

- Distinguish reckless driving from ordinary negligence, which is a failure to exercise reasonable care.
- Reckless driving involves intentional or consciously indifferent behavior, not just a mistake.



## Step 2: Gather Evidence

Collect all available evidence to prove the driver's reckless conduct and the resulting damages.

- This may include police reports, witness statements, photos of the scene and vehicles, and medical records.



## Step 3: Understand Damages

Recognize the types of damages you can claim. Reckless driving can support a claim for punitive damages in addition to compensatory damages.

- Compensatory damages cover your actual losses, such as medical bills, lost wages, and property damage.
- Punitive damages are awarded to punish the at-fault driver and deter similar conduct.



## Step 4: Consult an Attorney

Seek legal counsel from a Denver reckless driving accident lawyer to navigate the complexities of your case.

- An experienced attorney can help prove the distinction between negligence and recklessness.
- They can also help secure the maximum compensation available, including punitive damages if applicable.



## Step 5: File a Claim

Work with your attorney to file a claim against the at-fault driver.

- This may involve negotiations with the insurance company or filing a lawsuit.



## Step 6: Negotiate or Litigate

Your attorney will negotiate a settlement or represent you in court if a settlement cannot be reached.

- The goal is to achieve fair compensation for all your losses.

## Resources & Further Reading

*Related guides for this process:*

### ■ Navigating Your Reckless Driving Accident Claim (Timeline)

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### ■ Reckless Driving Accident Checklist

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