

Denver Intersection Accident Checklist

Steps to take after an intersection accident in Denver

Based on Denver Intersection Accident Lawyer by McCormick and Murphy

1. Secure the Scene and Ensure Safety

Prioritize safety and prevent further harm.

- Check for injuries to yourself and others.
- Move vehicles out of traffic if safe to do so.
- Turn on hazard lights.
- Call 911 immediately if there are injuries or significant damage.

2. Gather Essential Information

Collect details from the other driver(s) and witnesses.

- Note the other driver's name, contact information, and insurance details.
- Record the license plate number of all vehicles involved.
- Ask for names and contact information of any witnesses.
- Document the location and time of the accident.

3. Document the Accident Scene

Preserve evidence at the scene.

- Take photos of the accident scene from multiple angles.
- Photograph the damage to all vehicles involved.
- Capture images of any skid marks or debris on the road.
- Note the condition of traffic control devices (lights, signs).

4. Cooperate with Law Enforcement

Work with the police to create an official record.

- Wait for the police to arrive.
- Provide accurate information about the accident.
- Obtain the police report number.
- Do not admit fault to the police.

5. Preserve Evidence for Fault Determination

Collect specific evidence that can help prove fault.

- Identify and request traffic camera footage.
- Look for nearby business surveillance video.
- Keep detailed notes of your recollection of events.

- Save any physical evidence from the scene.

6. Understand Colorado Fault Laws

Be aware of how fault is determined in Colorado.

- Recognize that fault is based on traffic rule violations.
- Understand that running a red light can establish fault.
- Know that failing to yield can establish fault.
- Be aware that making an unsafe turn can establish fault.
- Understand Colorado's comparative fault system.
- Know that you may share responsibility but can still recover damages.

7. Consult an Attorney

Seek legal guidance to protect your rights.

- Contact an intersection accident lawyer promptly.
- Discuss the details of your accident with your lawyer.
- Allow your lawyer to gather and preserve evidence.
- Let your lawyer help prove the other driver's fault.

Resources & Further Reading

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