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 After the Accident

Prioritize safety and gather essential information at the scene.

- ■ Ensure everyone's safety and check for injuries.
- ■ Call 911 immediately to report the accident.
- ■ Do not leave the scene of the accident.
- ■ Exchange contact and insurance information with the other driver(s).
- ■ Gather names and contact information of any witnesses.
- ■ Take photos of the accident scene, vehicle damage, and any visible injuries.
- ■ Note the location, date, and time of the accident.

2. Understanding Failure to Yield

Recognize common scenarios that constitute a failure to yield violation.

- ■ Determine if the other driver ran a stop sign.
- ■ Assess if the other driver turned left without a safe gap in oncoming traffic.
- ■ Check if the other driver entered an intersection on a red light.
- ■ Evaluate if the other driver merged into traffic without yielding.
- ■ Confirm if the other driver failed to stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk.

3. Documenting the Incident

Create a detailed record of the accident and its aftermath.

- ■ Obtain a copy of the police report.
- ■ Keep a log of all communication with insurance companies.
- ■ Record all expenses related to the accident (medical bills, repair costs, lost wages).
- ■ Write down your recollection of the events leading up to and during the accident.
- ■ Document any conversations with the other driver or witnesses.

4. Seeking Medical Attention

Address your health and create a medical record of your injuries.

- ■ Seek immediate medical attention, even if injuries seem minor.
- ■ Follow all doctor's recommendations and attend all follow-up appointments.
- ■ Keep copies of all medical records and bills.
- ■ Inform your doctor about the accident and how the injuries occurred.

5. Dealing with Insurance Companies

Navigate the insurance claims process carefully.

- Report the accident to your insurance company promptly.
- Be cautious about what you say to the other driver's insurance adjuster.
- Do not accept a settlement offer without understanding its full implications.
- Provide only factual information to insurance adjusters.

6. Consulting Legal Counsel

Understand your rights and options with the help of an attorney.

- Consult with an attorney specializing in auto accidents.
- Discuss the details of your case with your lawyer.
- Understand the legal obligations of the driver who failed to yield.
- Explore your options for recovering damages for injuries and losses.
- Ask your lawyer about the statute of limitations for filing a claim.

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