

Multi-Vehicle Accident Checklist

Steps to take after a multi-vehicle accident in Pueblo.

Based on Pueblo Multi Vehicle Accidents And Pileups Accident Lawyer by McCormick and Murphy

1. Immediate Actions at the Scene

Prioritize safety and gather essential information immediately after the crash.

- Ensure everyone's safety and call 911 if there are injuries.
- Move vehicles out of traffic if safe to do so.
- Do not admit fault or apologize.
- Exchange contact and insurance information with all drivers involved.
- Identify and note down witness contact information.
- Take photos of the accident scene from multiple angles.
- Document the position of all vehicles involved.

2. Documenting the Scene

Thoroughly document all details of the accident scene.

- Record the date, time, and location of the accident.
- Note weather and road conditions at the time of the crash.
- Take photos of vehicle damage for all involved cars.
- Photograph any skid marks or debris on the road.
- Note any traffic control devices (signals, signs) present.

3. Gathering Information

Collect all relevant information from involved parties and authorities.

- Obtain the names and badge numbers of responding police officers.
- Request a copy of the official police report.
- Ask all drivers for their insurance company and policy number.
- Note the make, model, and license plate of all vehicles involved.
- Record the names and contact details of any passengers.

4. Understanding Liability

Recognize how fault is determined in multi-vehicle accidents.

- Understand that fault can be divided among multiple drivers.
- Be aware that the driver initiating the chain reaction is often primarily at fault.
- Recognize that other drivers can share liability if negligent (speeding, distraction, following too closely).
- Learn about Colorado's modified comparative negligence rule.

- Understand that a percentage of fault may be assigned to each driver.

5. Investigation Needs

Be prepared for the investigation process to determine fault.

- Cooperate with the police investigation.
- Provide accurate witness statements.
- Consider the need for accident reconstruction if liability is disputed.
- Gather all documentation related to the accident.

6. Seeking Legal Counsel

Consult with an attorney specializing in multi-vehicle accidents.

- Contact a lawyer experienced in Pueblo multi-vehicle accidents.
- Discuss the details of your accident with your attorney.
- Understand how an attorney can help determine fault and liability.
- Allow your attorney to handle communication with insurance companies.
- Seek legal advice regarding your rights and potential compensation.

Resources & Further Reading

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