

Truck Accident Evidence Checklist

Critical Evidence to Collect After a Commercial Vehicle Crash

Time is your enemy after a truck accident. Evidence disappears, memories fade, and trucking companies begin their defense strategies immediately. This checklist helps you preserve evidence that could make the difference between minimal compensation and the full recovery you deserve.

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS AT THE SCENE (If Physically Able)

Photographs to Take

- ☐ All vehicle positions before they're moved
- ☐ Skid marks, debris, and road conditions
- ☐ Traffic signs, signals, and road markings
- ☐ Weather conditions and visibility
- ☐ Truck's DOT number
- ☐ License plates of all vehicles
- ☐ Driver's license (photograph if possible)
- ☐ Damage to all vehicles from multiple angles
- ☐ Cargo or spilled loads
- ☐ Your injuries

Information to Collect

- ☐ Truck driver's name and CDL number
- ☐ Trucking company name and contact info
- ☐ Insurance company and policy numbers
- ☐ Driver's hours on duty (ask directly)
- ☐ Driver's origin and destination
- ☐ Names and contact info for ALL witnesses
- ☐ Badge numbers of responding officers
- ☐ Ambulance/EMT company names
- ☐ Tow truck company information

Critical Observations to Document

- ☐ Did the driver appear tired or impaired?
- ☐ Any statements the driver made
- ☐ Whether driver was using phone/device
- ☐ Strong odors (alcohol, drugs, cargo)
- ☐ Driver's demeanor and behavior
- ☐ Any equipment that appears damaged

WITHIN 24-48 HOURS OF THE TRUCK ACCIDENT

Official Records to Request

- ☐ Police accident report
- ☐ Your complete medical records
- ☐ Ambulance run reports
- ☐ Emergency room records
- ☐ Traffic camera or red light camera footage
- ☐ 911 call recordings
- ☐ Commercial vehicle inspection reports

Preserve Electronic Evidence

- ☐ Save all text messages about the accident
- ☐ Screenshot any social media posts by other parties
- ☐ Download dashcam footage immediately
- ☐ Preserve smartphone location data
- ☐ Save all insurance correspondence
- ☐ Keep all medical appointment confirmations

Important Calls to Make

- ☐ Report the claim to YOUR insurance
- ☐ Schedule follow-up medical care
- ☐ Contact an experienced truck accident attorney
- ☐ Alert your employer about injuries
- ☐ Request a copy of the police report

ONGOING EVIDENCE COLLECTION



Medical Documentation

- ☐ Keep all medical bills and receipts
- ☐ Document all diagnoses and treatment plans
- ☐ Track missed workdays
- ☐ Record pain levels and daily limitations
- ☐ Photograph injury progression
- ☐ Keep prescription records
- ☐ Document all therapy sessions



Financial Impact Records

- ☐ Lost wage documentation
- ☐ Out-of-pocket medical expenses
- ☐ Travel costs for treatment
- ☐ Home modification receipts
- ☐ Hired help or care costs
- ☐ Medical equipment purchases



Personal Impact Journal

- ☐ Daily pain and symptoms
- ☐ Activities you can no longer do
- ☐ Effects on family relationships
- ☐ Sleep disruption
- ☐ Emotional/psychological impact
- ☐ Medications and side effects

EVIDENCE YOUR ATTORNEY WILL PURSUE



From the Trucking Company

- Driver's qualification file
- Driver's log books (paper and electronic)
- GPS and electronic tracking data
- Maintenance and inspection records
- Driver's employment history
- Company safety policies
- Previous violations or accidents
- Load manifests and weight tickets
- Dispatch records and communications



Electronic Data

- ECM (black box) data
- Dash camera footage
- Electronic logging device (ELD) records
- Cell phone records
- Satellite tracking information
- Engine diagnostic data



Additional Investigation

- Driver's criminal history
- Drug and alcohol test results
- Weather reports
- Traffic studies
- Similar accidents at the location
- Company insurance policies
- FMCSA safety ratings

GET IMMEDIATE HELP

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