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# Auto Accident TOOLKIT

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## POST-ACCIDENT ROADMAP

Your guide to what to do after a car, truck or motorcycle accident

You will need to keep track of lots of different pieces of information after an auto accident. This roadmap was created to help you keep all the information about your accident in one place, so you can add to it and access it easily when you need it.

This document does not create a professional relationship between any injured parties and Hill, Peterson, Carper, Bee, & Deitzler, LLC. It is an informational tool designed to provide people who have been injured in car accidents a guide for what to do next and what information to collect in service of any potential personal injury lawsuit.

## WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU REMEMBER

This document can serve as an information log to help you remember what happened. If you think a detail could possibly be relevant to your case, write it down here or in a separate accident journal. It's better to retain the information you remember now than be straining to recall details later. Your accident journal will also be helpful to your attorney when you discuss your case and go over what happened.

## **DON'T TALK TO INSURANCE COMPANIES**

There is nothing for you to gain by speaking to insurance companies before speaking to a lawyer. This is particularly important as it pertains to the insurance company of person who caused the accident. In fact, whatever you discuss with an insurance company can hurt your case. If you've been in an accident, **call a lawyer immediately**, especially if the insurance company wants to talk to you about your injuries.

## **PROTECT YOURSELF FIRST: CALL US TODAY**

Each case is different. To get some perspective about your case and the information you need to make good decisions, call our experienced personal injury attorneys at Hill, Peterson, Carper, Bee & Deitzler, PLLC. We provide free initial consultations, so you lose nothing by coming in for a consultation to discuss your case. Call us at 304-205-1810 to schedule your appointment today.

## GENERAL ACCIDENT INFORMATION

Time and date:

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Location:

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Description of what happened:

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Number of vehicles involved:

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### Car 1:

Driver name:

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Driver contact information:

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Driver insurance information:

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Passenger name:

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Passenger contact information:

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**Car 2:**

Driver name:

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Driver contact information:

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Driver insurance information:

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Passenger name:

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Passenger contact information:

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**Car 3:**

Driver name:

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Driver contact information:

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Driver insurance information:

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Passenger name:

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Passenger contact information:

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Your insurance information:

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Law enforcement officer information:

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***Tip:** Get a copy of the accident report from the agency that took your call. You may be able to receive the report digitally. There may also be a small fee for copying or faxing the report.*

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

### NAME AND AMBULANCE NUMBER OF PARAMEDIC:

What injuries did you discuss with the paramedic?

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Where did you go for medical treatment?

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Who treated you at the medical facility?

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What injuries did you discuss at the facility and what treatments did you receive?

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**Tip:** Request medical records documenting your injuries resulting from the accident.

## **YOUR CAR**

How badly was your vehicle damaged?

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Did you take pictures of the damage to your car and the other vehicles?

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What is the financial loss to your vehicle, according to your insurer?

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## **YOUR INJURIES**

How are your injuries affecting your ability to work?

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How are your injuries affecting your life outside of work?

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What are your concerns about your injuries long-term?

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## ACCIDENT JOURNAL

In addition to the information you log in this post-accident road map, it can be helpful to get a separate journal where you write down your experiences related to the accident on a day-to-day basis. Carry it with you and jot down notes about ongoing developments such as:

- When you feel pain, how long it lasts and how it affects you
- Dates and bills from doctor's appointments
- Phone calls to lawyers, doctors, insurers and topics of discussion

## USE YOUR FREE CONSULTATION

You don't need to write down every detail before contacting us. While it helps to capture as much information as you can about what happened and how it's affected your life, you it's best to consult with an attorney as soon as possible. At Hill, Peterson, Carper, Bee & Deitzler, PLLC, we provide free initial consultations to help you get the information you need with no risk before you decide how to move forward. Call us today at 304-205-1810 to schedule your appointment. You can also call us toll free at 800-797-9730.

## WEST VIRGINIA LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Charleston Police Department: 304-348-6460

Clarksburg Police Department: 304-624-1610

St. Albans Police Department: 304-348-8111

Parkersburg Police Department: 304-424-8444

Police Department, City of Beckley: 304-256-1720, 304-256-1721

Huntington Police Department: 304-696-4470

Logan County Sheriff: 304-792-8590

Kanawha County Sheriff: 304-357-0169

Cabell County Sheriff: 304-743-1594

Putnam County: 304-586-0214

Raleigh County: 304-255-9300

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