
Louisiana Police Report Toolkit After a Car Accident

Request steps, review checklist, and proof notes for your file.

1) Route Your Request to the Right Agency

If the agency is...	Start here (request path)
Louisiana State Police	Use the statewide crash portal or the Traffic Records Unit request form.
City police / Sheriff	Contact the department's records or traffic unit for the crash report process.
Not sure	Use the report number on the exchange sheet or ask the responding agency.

2) What to Ask For (Beyond the Basic Report)

- Crash report number and the full narrative pages
- Any supplements (diagrams, measurements, citations)
- Photos (scene and vehicle), if available from the agency
- Witness or driver statements, if the agency releases them
- A receipt or confirmation for your request and payment

3) 10-Minute Review Checklist

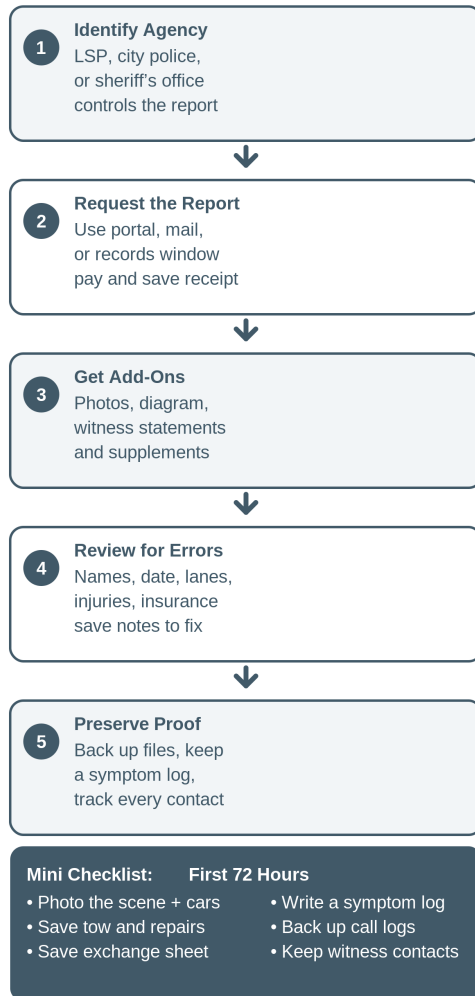
- Names, addresses, and vehicle details are correct (VIN, plate, insurer)
- Crash location and direction of travel match your photos and memory
- Diagram matches the lanes and the point of impact
- Injuries section is not blank if you reported pain or symptoms
- Witnesses are listed and contact information is included

Infographic: Evidence Blueprint

A 5-step process to request the report and preserve proof fast.

Evidence Blueprint: Louisiana Crash Report

Request → Review → Preserve Proof



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Infographic: Defense vs Evidence

Common insurer narratives—and the records that counter them.

Defense vs Evidence: Crash Report Gaps

What insurers say → What closes the gap

Common Defense	Evidence Anchor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report says minor damage, so you're fine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photos + video vehicle inspection bodycam + 911
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No injury noted at scene or EMS cleared 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptoms log urgent care notes follow-up plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong driver info or plate mix-up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange sheet VIN + photos witness contacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story changed after you saw the report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early statements texts + emails consistent timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fault unclear or disputed in narrative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagram + marks intersection video independent witness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No photos available later so claim weak 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo Lab request scene pictures repair estimates

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If the Report Is Wrong, Late, or Incomplete

A quick checklist before you talk to an insurer or sign anything.

Fast Triggers to Call a Lawyer

- You cannot find the report or the agency says it is not available
- The narrative blames you or leaves out a key witness
- An adjuster pressures you for a recorded statement immediately
- There is a serious injury, a commercial vehicle, or a death

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We focus on evidence preservation and trial-ready preparation so the record matches what happened. If you want a second set of eyes on the crash report and the supporting proof, we can help you spot gaps and plan next steps.

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