
Car Accident Settlement Toolkit (Louisiana)

A print-friendly checklist for documentation and negotiation.

The 5-Part Settlement Roadmap

- Open the claim and collect every claim number, adjuster name, and communication date.
- Build a timeline that links the crash, symptoms, care, and work limits in plain language.
- Document losses with repair estimates, receipts, mileage, and time missed from work.
- Preserve liability proof early: photos, witness contacts, dashcam, and the crash report.
- Treat any release as final: confirm the missing records before you sign.

First 72 Hours Evidence Checklist

- Photograph vehicle damage, plates, roadway marks, and any visible injuries.
- Write down witness names and numbers, plus the exact location and time.
- Back up dashcam or phone video so it cannot be overwritten.
- Save towing and storage paperwork, rental receipts, and repair estimates.
- Start a simple symptom and activity log: what hurts, what you could not do, and when.
- Keep every insurer message and note the date of each phone call.

Negotiation Notes

- Ask for a written explanation of any disputed item and keep it with your file.
- If you disagree with a number, answer with documents and dates, not opinions.
- Do not let urgency push you into signing before you understand the proof gaps.

Infographic 1: Evidence Blueprint

A 5-step roadmap + first 72 hours checklist.

Car Accident Settlement Evidence Blueprint

5 steps + a 72-hour checklist

1

Build the Timeline

Date, time, road,
photos + report ID.

2

Connect Injuries

Note pain + limits
Track visits + gaps.

3

Document Losses

Bills, mileage,
estimates + receipts.

4

Lock Down Liability

Photos + witnesses
Request crash report.

5

Control the Release

Release = claim closure
Do not sign too soon.

First 72 Hours Checklist

- Photo all damage
- Get witness numbers
- Save tow receipts
- Start symptom notes
- Back up dashcam
- Keep claim emails
- Save repair estimates
- Write your timeline
- Keep work absence note

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Infographic 2: Defense vs Evidence

Common pushbacks and the records that answer them.

Defense vs Evidence Settlement Proof Gaps Match each pushback to records	
Defense Angle	Evidence Anchor
Low impact Minor damage No injury	Photos + angles Repair estimate Symptom timeline
You waited to get care So it is minor	Same-day notes First visit date Reason for delay
Treatment gaps You got better Case is over	Visit list Work limits note Why gap happened
Pre-existing Not from crash Not our problem	Baseline records New symptoms Doctor narrative
You share fault So we pay less Or nothing	Scene photos Witness statements Dashcam video

Use this table to close gaps before a release.

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Free Case Review Checklist

If you want help with a Louisiana car accident settlement.

Babcock Injury Lawyers helps people in Louisiana build leverage with fast evidence preservation, clear documentation, and trial-ready preparation. We do not make guarantees, and outcomes depend on the facts.

Helpful Items (Do Not Delay Calling)

- Crash report number or location and date
- Photos or video from the scene
- Your insurance info and claim number
- A simple list of medical visits so far
- Repair estimate or total loss paperwork

What Happens Next

- Evidence triage: we identify what can disappear and move to preserve it.
- Deadline spotting: we flag prescription and notice issues early.
- Insurer contact strategy: we control communications so the file stays clean.

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