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## Automobile Accident Documentation Toolkit

A print-friendly checklist for Louisiana crash documentation (general information).

### The 7 Documentation Tips

- Start a one-page timeline of the crash, symptoms, care, and missed work.
- Photograph every vehicle, the full scene, and any visible hazards before they change.
- Write down witness names and numbers, and capture a short note of what each person saw.
- Save the claim number, adjuster contacts, and every message, voicemail, and email.
- Keep a symptom-and-function log so your records match what you lived through day to day.
- Collect bills, receipts, repair estimates, and wage records to document financial impact.
- Store everything in one folder so you can share clean copies without losing originals.

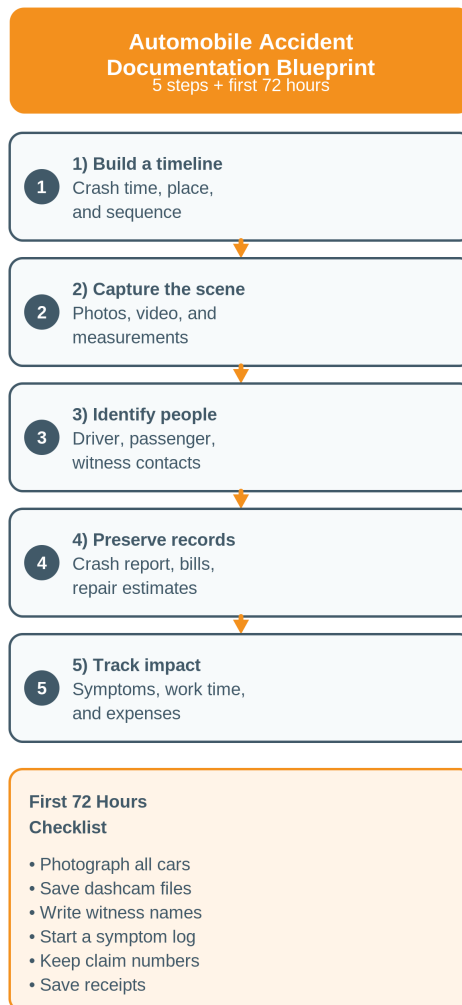
### Fast File Setup

Item	Where to Keep It
Scene photos/videos	One labeled folder (cloud + phone backup)
Crash report + claim numbers	A single PDF file and a notes app entry
Medical visit summaries	Portal downloads saved as PDFs
Work notes + pay records	A folder with HR emails and pay stubs

This toolkit is general information, not legal advice. If you are dealing with a serious injury or a fast-moving insurance claim, get individualized legal guidance.

## Evidence Blueprint: Documentation That Holds Up

Quick reference: 5-step blueprint + first-72-hours checklist.



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## Defense vs Evidence: Close the Documentation Gaps

Common defense narratives—and the records that counter them.

Defense vs Evidence Close the Proof Gaps Common auto-claim angles	
Defense Angle	Evidence Anchor
Low-impact crash so no injury	Scene photos + repair records
Delayed care looks unrelated	Symptom notes + early visits
Gaps in care mean you healed	Appointment log + refill receipts
Pre-existing issue caused symptoms	Prior baseline + new change
Normal tests mean no injury	Doctor narrative + function limits

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## Next Step: Put the Documentation to Work

How Babcock Injury Lawyers approaches proof after a crash.

After a Louisiana automobile accident, the story can harden fast: cars get repaired, video overwrites, and statements get recorded before you have a clean file. Our job is to help you preserve proof, spot deadlines, and build a record that matches the facts.

### What We Focus On First

- Evidence preservation: securing photos, records, and third-party data before it disappears.
- Deadline spotting: identifying time-sensitive steps and protecting the claim calendar.
- Insurance strategy: controlling communications and avoiding paperwork traps that create proof gaps.

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If you are within the first 72 hours, focus on safety and evidence preservation. Even if you do not have every document yet, a plan for what to collect next can prevent avoidable gaps.