

## Rear-End Collision Settlement Toolkit (Louisiana)

A print-friendly checklist for evidence, documentation, and insurer questions.

### Quick Takeaways

- Rear-end claims turn on a clean timeline: who, where, speed, distance, and the exact impact sequence.
- Insurers often push for early statements and broad releases before your records are complete.
- Document function changes (work, driving, sleep) in plain language and keep it consistent.
- Keep every receipt and estimate tied to the crash: towing, rental, repairs, and out-of-pocket costs.

### Rear-End Evidence Checklist

- Scene photos: lane positions, debris, skid marks, traffic lights, and weather/lighting.
- Vehicle photos: all sides, close-ups of damage, and interior photos if items moved or broke.
- People info: driver names, plates, policy numbers, and witness phone numbers.
- Documents: crash report number/agency, tow slip, repair estimate, rental agreement, and receipts.
- Notes: a simple daily log of symptoms and what you could not do like normal.

### Insurance Timeline Snapshot (Typical Steps)

Step	What to Save
Day 0–3	Photos, witness contacts, report number, tow/repair estimate
Week 1–3	Adjuster notes, property paperwork, appointment confirmations
Ongoing	Symptom + function log, receipts, work notes, follow-up records
Demand	Organized packet: liability proof + damages proof + timeline

Note: This toolkit is general information and is not legal advice.

## Infographic 1: Evidence Blueprint

Use this to build a clean rear-end settlement file.

### Rear-End Claim Evidence Blueprint 5 steps + 72-hour checklist

- 1 Build the Timeline**  
Photos, report info,  
and witness contacts
- 2 Document Damage**  
Repair estimate, total  
loss items, rental needs
- 3 Track Your Limits**  
Work, chores, sleep,  
and driving changes
- 4 Stay Consistent**  
Appointments, meds,  
and follow-up notes
- 5 Control Statements**  
Facts only, avoid  
broad medical releases

### First 72 Hours Checklist

- Photo damage and plate numbers
- Get witness names and phone numbers
- Ask for report number and agency
- Save dashcam or phone video
- Write symptoms twice daily
- Keep tow and rental receipts

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## Infographic 2: Defense vs Evidence

Pair each insurer narrative with a record you can point to.

Defense vs Evidence Rear-End Settlements Match narratives to records	
Common Defense	Evidence Anchor
You stopped suddenly	Scene photos video, witnesses brake lights ok
Low damage means minor injury	Care notes symptom journal function changes
Pre-existing condition	Old records new baseline doctor opinion
Gap in care hurts credibility	Visit calendar reasons in chart pharmacy receipts
You're fine now	Work limits follow-up notes missed activities

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## Free Case Review: Build Leverage Before Evidence Changes

If you are inside the first 72 hours, evidence is easiest to preserve and organize.

- We help you identify the key proof gaps early: timeline, damage, function limits, and consistency.
- We take pressure off you by controlling communications and keeping records organized.
- We focus on trial-ready documentation, even when the goal is a fair settlement.

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