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## Using DUI Evidence To Prove Fault (Louisiana)

A print-friendly checklist for preserving proof and countering common defenses

### 5-Step Evidence Blueprint

- Preserve DUI records: case number, arrest report, bodycam, dashcam, and toxicology paperwork.
- Build a timeline: where the driver came from, stops, calls/texts, and when police arrived.
- Document the scene and vehicles: photos, skid marks, debris fields, vehicle damage, and repair/tow records.
- Link impairment to driving errors: unsafe speed, lane drift, signal violations, and delayed reaction time.
- Prove damages and causation: medical visit dates, work restrictions, and symptom notes that match the crash timeline.

### First 72 Hours Checklist

- Get witness names, numbers, and a short written summary while memories are fresh.
- Save your own photos/video of the scene, vehicles, and visible injuries before cleanup or repairs.
- Write down the crash report number and the investigating agency; ask about bodycam and dashcam preservation.
- Do not throw away damaged items; keep towing and storage paperwork and repair estimates.
- Start a simple symptom log and keep appointment cards, discharge papers, and prescriptions.

### Where Insurers Often Push Back

Use this quick table to match a defense angle to the record that usually answers it.

Defense	Evidence That Helps
No DUI conviction	Arrest report, officer observations, bodycam, and test records
Test reliability attack	Calibration logs, chain-of-custody, and lab paperwork
Comparative fault claim	Scene photos, EDR data, witness statements, and mapping
Not impaired at the time	Receipts, timestamps, and location history

## Infographic 1: DUI Evidence Blueprint

Process map + first-72-hours checklist.

### DUI Evidence Blueprint

**A Louisiana-proof checklist**  
Use these steps to preserve DUI proof before it disappears.

- 1 Preserve DUI Records**  
Save crash report ID and arrest info.
- 2 Build A Minute-by-Minute Timeline**  
Track calls, texts, stops, and drinking.
- 3 Document Scene And Vehicles**  
Photos, marks, EDR, and repair records.
- 4 Link Impairment To Driving Errors**  
Show unsafe choices and broken rules.
- 5 Prove Damages And Causation**  
Keep care notes, bills, and wage proof.

**First 72 Hours Checklist**

- Get names and phones
- Request 911 audio
- Save photos/video
- Keep tow and storage
- Do not repair yet
- Write a symptom log

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## Infographic 2: Defense Vs Evidence

Common defense narratives and the documentation that closes gaps.

<b>Defense Vs Evidence</b> Common DUI defenses and what closes gaps	
Defense Angle	Evidence Anchor
<b>No conviction, so no fault</b>	Arrest report, bodycam, BAC test records
<b>Breath test is unreliable</b>	Calibration logs, blood draw chain of custody
<b>You caused the crash</b>	EDR data, marks, witnesses, video
<b>Not impaired at the time</b>	Receipts, time stamps, bar video
<b>Minor crash, major injury?</b>	Medical timeline, care notes, work limits

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## Free Case Review

If a crash involved suspected impairment, the record trail can change fast. This page is a quick guide to what we do and what helps you call prepared.

### Babcock Injury Lawyers

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### What We Do First

- We focus on fast evidence preservation and early claim strategy.
- We coordinate record requests and preserve video, vehicle, and testing proof.
- We spot deadlines and pressure points so you do not get boxed into a bad narrative.

### Helpful Items For Your Call

- Crash report number and agency
- Photos/video you already have
- Names of witnesses and passengers
- Your medical visit dates and providers

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