

Airplane Accident Responsibility Toolkit

A quick guide to liability and evidence in Louisiana claims

Who May Be Responsible

- The operator or airline for policies, training, and crew decisions.
- A pilot or crew member for unsafe choices, fatigue issues, or missed procedures.
- A maintenance provider for improper inspections, repairs, or recordkeeping.
- A manufacturer for defects, including design problems or failed components.
- Other parties such as an airport contractor when ground conditions contribute.

Evidence To Preserve (Fast)

- Your travel records: boarding pass, itinerary, seat assignment, and carrier emails.
- Photos of visible injuries and the cabin area, plus names of witnesses and crew.
- A same-day symptom note: what you felt, when it started, and what you could not do.
- Medical visits and follow-up appointments that create a consistent record.
- If there is an NTSB investigation, save the accident ID and docket link.

Mini Table: Defense vs Evidence

Defense Angle	Evidence To Save
No injury because “normal scans”	Follow-up care, specialty testing, and a daily function log.
Turbulence was unavoidable	Weather data, seatbelt sign timing, and crew incident reports.
You never reported it	Carrier report number, witness contacts, and saved emails.

This toolkit is general information, not legal advice. If you are within the first 72 hours after an aviation incident, prioritize medical care and evidence preservation.

Evidence Blueprint

5 steps + first-72-hours checklist

Airplane Accident

5 steps to identify liability + keep proof

1) Build The Timeline

Flight, seat, crew, and turbulence notes from the same day.

2) Lock In Medical Proof

Get checked soon, then track symptoms and function daily.

3) Preserve Travel Records

Boarding pass, app screenshots, photos, and receipts matter.

4) Request Safety Records

Incident report, crew names, and aircraft maintenance history.

5) Map Liability Targets

Operator, maintenance, manufacturer, and other contributors.

First 72 Hours Checklist

- Save boarding pass
- Photograph bruises
- Get witness contacts
- Report to the carrier
- Write a symptom log
- Keep meds receipts
- Avoid social posting
- Keep all emails

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Defense vs Evidence

What insurers say vs what closes the gaps

Defense vs Evidence	
Common angles in airplane injury claims	
Defense Angle	Evidence Anchor
Low impact means no injury	Photo bruising symptom log early exam
No head strike, so it is minor	Crew report seatbelt marks ER/urgent care
Normal imaging means fine	Follow-up care specialty tests daily function log
Pre-existing condition	Prior records baseline notes new symptom changes
Operator did everything right	Maintenance logs AD compliance NTSB docket

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Aviation cases turn on fast evidence and careful issue-spotting.

If you were hurt on a commercial flight, charter, or small aircraft incident connected to Louisiana, we can help you map the responsible parties and preserve the proof that insurers challenge first.

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