

Determining Liability in Louisiana Bicycle Accidents

A Print-Friendly Evidence + Insurance Toolkit

What Determines Fault (Quick Framework)

Louisiana bicycle crash liability is usually built from the same four building blocks: duty, breach, causation, and damages. The key is proving what happened and why, using objective records before the story changes.

- Duty: What each person was required to do on the road.
- Breach: What went wrong (unsafe pass, failure to yield, or a rule violation).
- Causation: How that mistake caused the crash.
- Damages: The losses tied to the crash (medical, wage, and property damage records).

Evidence Clock (What To Collect By When)

Time Window	High-Value Evidence
0–72 hours	Scene photos, vehicle plate, witness contacts, bike/gear condition, and crash report number.
3–14 days	Video requests (businesses, neighbors), repair estimates, and written symptom/work notes.
Ongoing	Receipts, follow-up care records, and a clean timeline of limitations and missed work.

Common Insurance Pressure Points

- A quick recorded statement request before you have records.
- A blame shift toward lane position or visibility.
- A push to settle before you know the full scope of losses.

This handout is general information and not legal advice. Deadlines and rules can change based on facts.

Infographic 1: Evidence Blueprint

Five steps + a first-72-hours checklist you can print and use.

Bicycle Accident Evidence Blueprint

For Louisiana Liability
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Step 1: Scene Facts

- Photo all angles
- Plate + signals

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Step 2: Timeline

- Note 10 min pre
- Mark impact spot

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Step 3: Road Rules

- Bike lane status
- 3-ft pass notes

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Step 4: Bike + Gear

- Do not repair
- Save helmet

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Step 5: Loss Records

- Receipts + photos
- Work + ride data

First 72 Hours

- Call 911 + report
- Get witness names
- Photo bike + scene
- Save ride app data
- Ask for crash #
- Avoid recorded statements early

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Infographic 2: Defense vs Evidence

Common defense angles—and the records that counter them.

Defense vs Evidence

Bicycle Liability Claims

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Defense Angle	Evidence Anchor
They didn't see you	Video + witness Intersection layout Driver statements
You left your line / swerved	Photos of lane Skid/impact marks Bike damage path
No unsafe passing distance	Measure clearance Dashcam / phone RS 32:76.1
You were mostly at fault	RS 32:194 duties RS 32:197 road use Clear timeline

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What We Do First (No Fluff)

- Preserve scene evidence and request key records quickly.
- Spot deadlines and fault issues early, including comparative fault traps.
- Handle insurer communications so your words are not used against you.
- Build a trial-ready file in case the claim must be litigated.

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If you were hit while riding, consider talking to a lawyer quickly when evidence is at risk—especially video, vehicle data, and witness memory.