

## Work Zone Accident Liability Toolkit

For Baton Rouge crashes involving cones, lane shifts, and temporary traffic control.

### Quick Takeaways

- Liability often turns on how the work zone was set up, how drivers reacted, and what the records show.
- Work zones change fast, so photos, video, and vehicle data are time-sensitive.
- Do not assume the crash report tells the whole story—build your own timeline and preserve proof.

### First 72 Hours Evidence Checklist

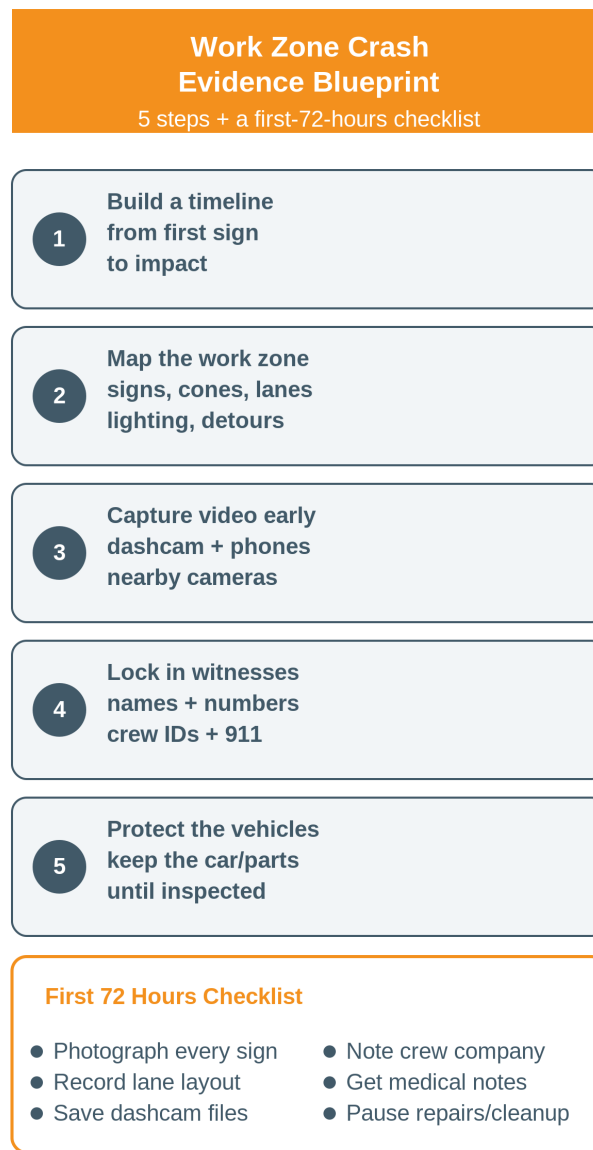
- Photograph every sign, taper, barrel/cone line, and any closed-lane markings.
- Save dashcam and phone video in original quality and back it up twice.
- Write down crew names, company markings, truck numbers, and badge numbers on scene.
- Keep towing, storage, and repair records; pause non-emergency repairs until inspection.
- Start a simple symptom and activity log if you are hurt, even if imaging is normal early.

### Where Key Records Usually Come From

Evidence	Often Found In
Traffic control setup	Photos/video, contractor logs, project/TTC documents
911 + dispatch timing	Request through the responding agency's records process
Vehicle speed/braking	EDR download (if available), dashcam GPS, reconstruction
Medical documentation	Visit notes, referrals, restrictions, and follow-ups

# Infographic: Evidence Blueprint

Five proof steps plus a first-72-hours checklist for work zone crashes.



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# Infographic: Defense vs Evidence

Common insurer narratives and the documentation that answers them.

**Work Zone Claims  
Defense vs Evidence**  
Common narratives—and what closes the gap

Defense Angle	Evidence Anchor
Low-impact crash minor damage	Vehicle photos damage pattern EDR/black box
Signs were clear and visible	Photos of setup cone spacing MUTCD Part 6
You should have merged sooner	Merge point map traffic backups witness video
You were speeding for conditions	Dashcam GPS scene skid marks 911 timing
You are fine now no lasting harm	Consistent care work limits docs symptom log

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## When Evidence Is Moving, So Should You

Work zones are temporary, but the paperwork and videos you need can disappear fast.

### What We Do Early

- Preserve scene proof: photos, video requests, and work zone setup details.
- Protect vehicle evidence: storage, inspection planning, and data preservation.
- Spot deadlines and responsible parties, then manage insurer contact without loose statements.

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