
Child Accident Injuries and Symptoms in Louisiana

Printable Toolkit: what to watch, what to document, what to save

Quick Steps (Use This As A Call Checklist)

If a child is hurt, start with safety and medical care, then build a clean record. This toolkit helps you track symptoms, preserve evidence, and avoid common proof gaps.

- Get medical care if you are unsure, and follow discharge instructions.
- Write a simple timeline: where it happened, who was present, and what changed afterward.
- Start a daily symptom and function log (sleep, mood, play, school, screens).
- Take photos early and again later (bruising and swelling can evolve).
- Save documents: incident reports, witness names, and receipts tied to the injury.

When To Seek Urgent Medical Attention

Use your judgment and your child's doctor's instructions. Go in urgently if symptoms worsen or feel out of pattern.

- Trouble staying awake, confusion, repeated vomiting, seizures, or a severe headache that will not ease.
- Severe belly pain, belly swelling, or pain that makes your child unable to move comfortably.
- A limb that looks deformed, is numb, or cannot be used normally after a fall or impact.

Evidence To Preserve

- Photos or video of the scene, the hazard, and any visible marks (with dates).
- Names and contact info for witnesses and caregivers who saw changes.
- School or daycare notes about behavior, pain complaints, or missed activities.
- Car seat and booster seat information if a crash occurred (model, install notes, photos).

Tip: keep everything in one folder, and do not rewrite notes later. Date them as you go.

Infographic 1: Evidence Blueprint

Five steps to protect the record + a first-72-hours mini checklist.

**Child Accident
Evidence Blueprint**
Injuries + Symptoms

- 1) Safety + Care**
Get checked if unsure
- 2) Build A Timeline**
Write when, where, who
- 3) Track Symptoms**
Note sleep, mood, play
- 4) Keep Care
Consistent**
Follow plans and visits
- 5) Preserve Evidence**
Photos, reports, names

**First 72 Hours
Mini Checklist**

- Photo the scene
- Save clothes/shoes
- Get witness names
- Get incident report
- Keep symptom notes
- Keep receipts + texts

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Infographic 2: Defense Vs Evidence

Common insurance narratives and the documentation that closes gaps.

Defense Vs Evidence Child Accident Claims Common Gaps And Fixes	
Defense Angle	Evidence Anchor
They Are Fine Now	Symptom Log School Notes Follow-Ups
No Visible Injury	Photos Over Time Swelling Notes Pain Limits
Normal Imaging	Provider Notes Testing If Needed Return Visits
Pre-Existing	Baseline Records Before/After Timeline
Delay In Care	Appt History Pharmacy Receipts Explain Barriers

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Free Case Review: What To Have Ready

Call (225) 500-5000. Do not delay the call to gather paperwork.

Bring What You Have (If Handy)

- A simple timeline of what happened and where.
- Any photos or video you already have.
- Medical visit dates and the facility names.
- School/daycare contact info and notes about changes.
- Insurance information, if applicable.

What Happens Next

- We triage evidence: what to get now and what to request later.
- We spot deadlines and pressure points based on the facts.
- We plan communication so insurers cannot turn gaps into blame.

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