
How To Prove Negligence in a Louisiana Dog Bite Case

A printable evidence + documentation toolkit (general info, not legal advice).

Quick 5-Step Plan

- Build a clean timeline: time, place, who had control of the dog, and what happened right before the bite.
- Identify the responsible people: owner, keeper, landlord or business if control and safety were shared.
- Preserve proof of risk: prior incidents, loose gate or leash issues, and warnings that were ignored.
- Document injuries and daily impact: photos over time, medical records, work restrictions, and activity limits.
- Anticipate defenses: provocation, trespass, minor injury, or delay in care, and collect records that answer them.

First 72 Hours Evidence Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wash the wound and seek medical care if needed. | <input type="checkbox"/> Report to animal control or police if appropriate. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photograph injuries, clothing, and the scene. | <input type="checkbox"/> Write witness names and phone numbers. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Get the owner/keeper name and address. | <input type="checkbox"/> Save texts, emails, and social posts. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ask for rabies vaccination status. | <input type="checkbox"/> Request nearby camera footage quickly. |

Insurance Call Guardrails

If an insurer calls early, you can give your basic contact information and the location of the incident, but avoid guessing about what the dog did or why. Ask for the claim number, confirm where to send photos and records, and do not sign releases or accept quick settlement language until you understand what is being requested.

Defense Angle to Evidence Match

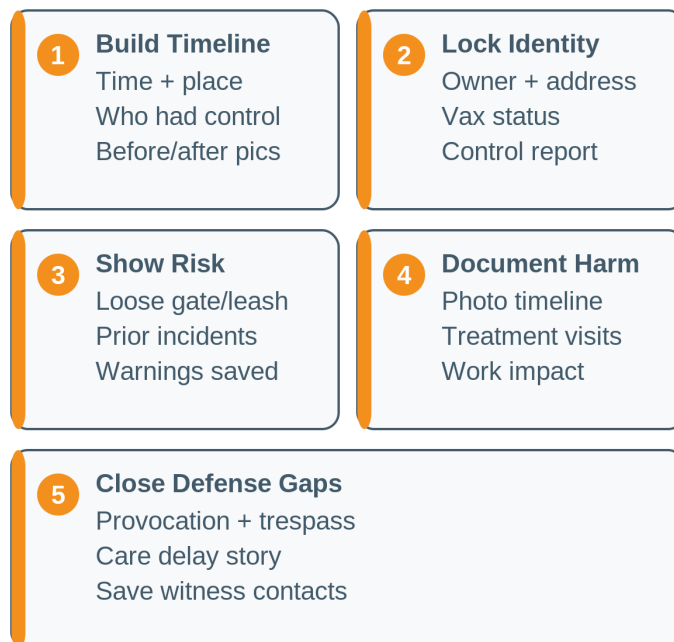
Defense: Provocation	Witnesses + scene photos
Defense: Trespass	Invite text + entry video
Defense: Minor injury	Records + photo timeline
Defense: No risk known	Prior complaints + fence photos
Defense: Delay in care	Notes explaining timing

Infographic: Evidence Blueprint

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

Dog Bite Evidence Blueprint

Five-step proof map + fast checklist



First 72 Hours Checklist

Wash + see doctor	Get owner contact
Photo every wound	Call animal control
Save torn clothing	Write witness info

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Infographic: Defense vs. Evidence

Common defense narratives and the records that answer them.

Defense vs. Evidence

Common dog bite claim angles and proof anchors

Defense Angle	Evidence Anchor
You Provoked the Dog	Photos show no taunting Witness statements
You Were Trespassing	Proof you were allowed there Camera footage
No Reason to Expect a Bite	Prior bite loose fence Complaints saved
Injury Is Minor or Healed	Medical records scar photos work impact log
Delay Means It Wasn't Bad	Explain gap urgent care notes pain journal

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Free Case Review (No Obligation)

If you are inside the first 72 hours, evidence is already changing.

What This Toolkit Helps You Do

- Organize the facts so the claim is evaluated on records, not assumptions.
- Preserve key evidence before video is overwritten and memories drift.
- Spot deadlines and insurance pressure points early, before mistakes get baked in.

What To Have Ready (If You Can)

- Photos of injuries and the scene
- Owner/keeper information and address
- Any animal control or incident number
- Names of witnesses
- Medical provider names and dates

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No document can replace advice on your specific facts. If you want a lawyer to review what happened, call (225) 500-5000 to talk through the timeline, the evidence, and the next steps.