
Louisiana Dog Bite Claim Toolkit

Steps, Evidence Checklist, and Defense Audit (2026)

Quick Claim Steps

1. Get medical care and start a simple symptom log (date, time, changes).
2. Report the bite to animal control and write down the report number.
3. Identify the owner or keeper, the address, and any witnesses right away.
4. Photograph injuries and the scene; save any doorbell or phone video.
5. Track follow-up visits, work limits, missed time, and out-of-pocket costs.
6. Keep communications clean and keep copies of everything you send or receive.

First 72 Hours Evidence Checklist

- Injury photos the same day and again over the next week.
- Owner and dog details (name, address, phone, tag info if available).
- Animal-control report number and the agency contact.
- Witness names, phone numbers, and short written statements if willing.
- All video sources (doorbell camera, store camera, neighbor footage).
- Receipts and a list of medications, co-pays, and mileage to care.

Defense Audit (Keep It Simple)

- Provocation: capture what you were doing right before the bite.
- Preventability: show leash, gate, fence, or control failures.
- Right to be there: save invitations, delivery logs, or permission texts.
- Delay in treatment: document why (timing, access, symptoms).
- Pre-existing issues: note baseline function before the bite.

Evidence Blueprint

5 steps + 72-hour checklist (dog bites)

Louisiana Dog Bite Evidence Blueprint

5 steps + 72-hour
proof checklist

1 Step 1: Get Care
Photos, symptom log
Report animal control

2 Step 2: Identify Owner
Dog, handler, address
Find coverage

3 Step 3: Preserve Scene
Gate, leash, signage
Save video + witnesses

4 Step 4: Build Timeline
Day-by-day care notes
Work + activity limits

5 Step 5: Demand Packet
Records, photos, bills
Defense-ready story

First 72 Hours Checklist

- Injury photos (0-7d)
- Owner + dog details
- Report # + agency
- Witnesses + phones
- Save doorbell video
- Receipts + meds list

Common Proof Gaps

- Provocation claim
- Couldn't prevent it
- Delayed-care story
- Owner ID missing

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Defense vs Evidence

Common insurer angles and what counters them

**Dog Bite Claims:
Defense vs Evidence**
Common insurer angles
and the record that counters

Common Defense	Evidence Anchor
Provoked the dog or teased it	Witness accounts Doorbell video No teasing proof
Couldn't prevent it happened fast	Gate/fence photos Leash use proof Prior complaints
You trespassed or had no right	Invitation texts Delivery logs Neighbor statement
Minor bite only no lasting harm	Photo series Medical notes Activity limits
Delayed treatment so not serious	Symptom timeline Pharmacy receipts Follow-up visits
Pre-existing issue caused symptoms	Baseline records Doctor explanation Before/after limits

Leverage reminder
Build the record early
before the narrative
gets locked in.

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Free Case Review for Dog Bite Injuries

What we focus on in the first week

If a dog bite happened in Louisiana, early documentation can protect your claim before stories change and evidence disappears.

What We Do First

- Evidence triage: video sources, witness calls, photos, and reports.
- Coverage mapping: homeowner, renter, commercial, or umbrella policies.
- Claim strategy: set the timeline, fix proof gaps, and avoid bad releases.

Helpful to Have (But Don't Delay)

- Photos of injuries and the bite location.
- Animal-control report number and any citations.
- Owner/keeper info and witness contacts.
- Medical visit summaries, bills, and prescription receipts.

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