
DWI Arrest After I-20 Crash Toolkit

Evidence checklist + insurance call script (Louisiana)

First 72 Hours: What To Do

Get medical care and follow discharge instructions, even if you think you are OK.

- Photograph the scene, vehicle damage, airbags, and any visible injuries.
- Write down the mile marker, time window, weather, and who you spoke with.
- Identify cameras: dashcams, businesses, DOT cameras, and police bodycam/dashcam.
- Start a simple symptom and activity log for the next 7 days.

Evidence Checklist: Build Proof That Survives

- Names and contacts for witnesses, passengers, tow operator, and responding agency.
- Your photos/videos, plus a list of any nearby cameras and their locations.
- Medical visit summaries, prescriptions, work notes, and mileage/ride receipts.
- Insurance claim numbers, adjuster names, and a log of calls and voicemails.

Avoid These Early Mistakes

- Do not guess in a recorded statement before you have your timeline written down.
- Do not sign broad medical authorizations without understanding the scope.
- Do not post about the crash or your injuries on social media.

| Request | Why It Matters |
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| Crash report number | Lets you order the full report and identify the agency and Troop. |
| Video sources list | Many systems overwrite quickly; your list helps preserve clips. |
| Medical visit summary | Connects the crash date to symptoms and work limits. |

Tip: Keep this toolkit and your notes together. Evidence is easier to preserve early.

Infographic 1: Evidence Blueprint

Five steps to lock down proof after a suspected impaired-driving crash.

**DWI Crash
Evidence Blueprint**
5 steps + 72-hour
checklist

- Step 1: Build Timeline**
Write times + changes
- Step 2: Save Video**
Find cameras + clips
- Step 3: Get Report**
Ask about tox tests
- Step 4: Document Harm**
Care notes + work gaps
- Step 5: Limit Contacts**
No recorded guessing

**First 72 Hours
Quick Checklist**

- Get care; follow up
- Photo scene + vehicle
- Write names + numbers
- Note cameras nearby
- Save receipts + rides
- Do not delete texts

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Infographic 2: Defense vs Evidence

Common insurer narratives and the documents that close the gaps.

| Defense vs Evidence Common insurer angles and proof anchors | |
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| Defense Angle | Evidence Anchor |
| Low impact so no injury or minor only | Photos + repairs Early care notes Function limits |
| No proof of intoxication at crash time | Tox results Officer notes Bodycam video |
| Your story keeps changing so it is weak | Written timeline Texts + receipts Work records |
| You were partly at fault so no recovery | Scene photos Event data Witness names |
| You waited to treat so you are fine | Visit notes Symptom journal Work limits |

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Trial-ready preparation starts with evidence triage and clean documentation.

When This Toolkit Helps Most

- You were a passenger or driver in a crash where impairment is suspected or alleged.
- Insurance is already calling for statements, releases, or quick settlements.
- Video, witness memory, and scene conditions may disappear quickly.

Free Case Review

Call (225) 500-5000 to discuss what evidence exists and what deadlines apply.
If you prefer, start online at <https://www.stephenbabcock.com/contact-us/>.

What We Do First (No Promises, Just Process)

- We identify time-sensitive evidence sources and send preservation requests.
- We map a timeline that connects symptoms, work limits, and medical documentation.
- We handle insurer communications so you do not get boxed into a bad narrative.

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