

## Traffic Circle Crash Toolkit

Hammond area crash (Jan. 29, 2026) — evidence and documentation checklist

### First 72 Hours: Action Steps

- Save the official crash information and write down what you know before details fade.
- Preserve the vehicle in its post-crash condition and avoid repairs until photos are taken.
- Gather names, phone numbers, and brief notes from anyone who saw the wreck or stopped to help.
- Request 911/dispatch logs and confirm where the vehicle is stored or towed.
- Keep medical and EMS paperwork together and start a simple day-by-day impact log.
- Pause recorded insurance statements until you understand what is being asked and why.

### Evidence Requests To Consider

Request	Why it matters
Crash report + agency release	Locks down the timeline, location, and initial narrative.
911/dispatch + CAD log	Shows early descriptions, timestamps, and who responded.
Tow/storage info + photos	Protects the vehicle condition and prevents missing parts.

### Insurance Conversation Rules

- Do not sign broad medical authorizations you do not understand.
- Do not guess about speed, seat belt use, or fault. If you do not know, say so.
- Ask for every request in writing and keep copies of what you send.
- If someone pushes a quick settlement, slow down and get clarity on what you give up.

This toolkit is general information. It is designed to help you preserve evidence and organize records.

## Infographic 1: Evidence Blueprint

Use this 5-step plan to protect proof before it disappears.

### Traffic Circle Crash Evidence Blueprint A 5-step plan for families

**1 Lock Down The  
Official Facts**  
Save the crash report  
and agency release.

**2 Build A Clean  
Timeline**  
Write who, when,  
where, and why now.

**3 Preserve Scene  
And Vehicle Proof**  
Photos, video,  
and vehicle condition.

**4 Document Injuries  
And Daily Impact**  
Keep EMS, ER,  
and follow-up records.

**5 Control Insurance  
Contacts**  
Pause recorded  
statements until advised.

#### First 72 Hours Checklist

- Photograph the traffic circle approach lanes.
- Save names and numbers of witnesses.
- Request 911, dispatch, and hospital records.
- Keep the vehicle from being altered.
- Start a daily symptom and activity log.
- Do not sign releases that feel rushed.

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## Infographic 2: Defense Vs Evidence

Common defense angles — and the records that close the gaps.

Defense Vs Evidence Traffic Circle Crashes Close the proof gaps early	
Defense Angle	Evidence Anchor
Single-vehicle means no other fault	Check lighting and signage Look for vehicle defects
No seat belt so damages must drop	Document injury severity Connect forces to care
Speed estimate is enough	Verify speed EDR + scene measures + video
Passengers assumed at fault too	Occupant position + EMS notes statements
Criminal case controls everything	Preserve now Request records Do not wait

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## Free Case Review and Next Steps

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If your family is dealing with a fatal crash or serious injuries, the first priority is preserving evidence and controlling the insurance narrative.

We focus on fast evidence preservation, clear documentation, and trial-ready preparation so the claim is built on proof instead of assumptions.

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### What Happens Next

- We triage evidence and identify what must be preserved first.
- We spot deadlines and build a clean timeline from records and witnesses.
- We plan insurer communications so you do not get boxed into a bad narrative.

Outcomes depend on the facts. This toolkit is general information and is not legal advice.