

Montana Car Accident Guide

The actions you need to take at the scene of an accident



Stay Calm, Stay Safe, Stay Put

Do not move your vehicle unless it is in an unsafe place. If you have to move it, only move it as far as absolutely necessary and do not leave the scene of the accident.



Accept Help & Document Injuries

When emergency responders ask if you would like to be checked for injuries, take them up on the offer. Following a car accident, make sure you list any and all pain you are feeling, even if you would consider it minor at the time.



How to Document The Scene of a Car Accident

Finally, as soon as you are safe and able, you need to document the scene.

- 1. Record Driver Info:** Record the names of other drivers and license plates of any other vehicles involved in the accident.
- 2. Record Witness Info:** Take the names and contact information of any witnesses.
- 3. Take Photos:** Take pictures with your cell phone. Try to take pictures from multiple angles and distances before the vehicles are moved.
- 4. Record Conditions:** Record the time, weather conditions, and road conditions at the time of the accident.
- 5. Record Damages and Injuries:** Make notes regarding damages to your vehicle or property and document injuries to your person or any pain you are experiencing.
- 6. Record Responder Info:** Ask for contact information from first responders and emergency personnel.
- 7. Archive Video Footage:** If you have a dash camera, make sure to save the data on the disk and upload a backup to your phone if possible.