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Auto Accident TOOLKIT

Your Motor Vehicle Accident Toolkit

In the minutes, hours, days and months following a motor vehicle accident, you will be faced with injuries, property damage, doctor's visits, insurance company questions and many other problems. You did not plan for this to happen. However, The Law Offices of Daniel L. Crandall & Associates in Roanoke, Virginia, has a plan to help you.

Take as many notes as you can in the time that follows your car, tractor-trailer or commercial vehicle accident. By doing this, you can build strong evidence and a strong claim on your behalf. This can have a positive effect on maximizing your financial compensation.

Our personal injury lawyers have compiled this motor vehicle accident toolkit to guide you through the process of filing your claim. In it, you can jot down notes about your accident as well as developments in your case.

This is not a legal document, and it does not establish an attorney-client relationship. However, it does offer important information that can help you sort out your thoughts and keep your claim moving forward.

- **Call the police and make sure an accident report is filed.**
- **Take pictures of your vehicle, the other vehicle and the accident scene.**
- **Get medical attention, whether at the ER or in a doctor's visit.**
- **Talk to an attorney as soon as you can after the accident.**
- **Do not talk to the other driver's insurance company — refer them to your attorney.**

Take notes about all elements of the accident, including your injuries, doctor's visits, medical treatments, prescriptions and other information as detailed below.

We offer free consultations to talk about your car, tractor-trailer or commercial vehicle accident. Call us today at 866-297-5221.

What date and time did the accident occur?

Where did the accident occur?

Write down as many details as you can remember about the accident:

Describe the accident: _____

Do you remember anything about the other driver? For example, was he or she drunk, angry or distracted? Was he or she using a cell phone while driving?

Names and contact information of passengers in your car: _____

Names and contact information of passengers in the other vehicle(s): _____

Name and contact information of other driver: _____

Other driver's insurance information: _____

Your insurance information: _____

Name of agency(s) who arrived at the accident scene: _____

For example, Virginia State Police, Roanoke City Police, Pulaski County Sheriff's Department, Clearbrook Rescue, Boones Mill Rescue Squad, etc.

Name of paramedic and the ambulance number (if known): _____

Did you talk about your injuries with the paramedic? What did he or she say about your injuries?

Did you go to a hospital, emergency room or other type of medical facility? _____

If so, where did you receive treatment and who treated you?

What injuries were you treated for?

Did you receive any x-rays or MRIs? _____

Did they administer pain medication? _____

List all medical providers and care that you have received since the accident:

List all pain medications that you have been prescribed since the accident:

How are your injuries affecting you? Can you work? Can you perform household chores? Are you sleeping?

What activities (recreational and otherwise) are you no longer able to perform?

Did your car sustain property damage? What type? Do you have pictures?

Did the other vehicle(s) involved in the accident sustain property damage? Do you have pictures?

What have you discussed with your insurance company?

Have you talked to the other driver's insurance company? What did you say?

Who did you talk to at the insurance company? _____

Purchase a small notebook to use as your auto accident journal. Here are ideas about what you should record in your journal. Remember to date each entry.

- Your injuries, aches and pains
- Medical appointments
- Medical bills
- Receipts for car repair bills and other receipts pertaining to the accident

- Phone calls pertaining to the accident – remember to get the names of the people you talk to
- The interruption to your regular, daily life that your injuries have caused

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SOME LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN VIRGINIA

Albemarle County Police Department: 434-977-9041

Appomattox Police Department: 434-352-2637

Bedford County Sheriff's Office: 540-586-4800

Bedford Police Department: 540-587-6011

Botetourt County Sheriff's Office: 540-473-8202

Bristol Police Department: 276-645-7400

Buena Vista Police Department: 540-261-6174

Campbell County Sheriff's Office: 434-592-9580

Carroll County Sheriff's Office: 276-236-5119

Charlottesville Police Department: 434-970-3280

Covington Police Department: 540-965-6333

Danville Police Department: 434-799-5111

Franklin County Sheriff's Office: 540-483-3000

Galax Police Department: 276-236-8102

Henry County Sheriff's Office: 276-656-4200

Hillsville Police Department: 276-728-2251

Lexington Police Department: 540-462-3705

Lynchburg Police Department: 434-455-6050

Martinsville Police Department: 276-403-5300

Montgomery County Sheriff's Office: 540-382-6904

Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office: 434-656-6211

Pulaski County Sheriff's Office: 540-980-7800

Radford Police Department: 540-731-3624

Roanoke County Police Department: 540-777-8601

Roanoke Police Department: 540-853-2212

Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office: 540-463-7329

Rocky Mount Police Department: 540-483-9275

Salem Police Department: 540-375-3078