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## DRIVING A CAR

### CHECKLIST: PREPARING TO MEET WITH YOUR ATTORNEY AFTER A CAR ACCIDENT

Driving a car carries with it many responsibilities, such as obeying traffic laws and obtaining insurance. If you are in a serious accident, you will benefit from having an attorney represent you both for your own damages and against any claims others might make against you. But what sort of things is your attorney going to be interested in knowing, and what documents might he or she be interested in reviewing? The following is a checklist of items you might want to think about, and prepare for, before meeting your attorney for the first time.

#### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Are you prepared to explain the details of the accident?

Yes

No

**POSSIBLE INFORMATION:**

What day did the accident occur? \_\_\_\_\_

What time of day did the accident occur? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the exact location of accident? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What was the weather like? \_\_\_\_\_

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What was the roadway like (wet, dry smooth, pot-holed, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Were other cars or people involved? \_\_\_\_\_

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How did the accident occur? \_\_\_\_\_

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Were police called to the scene? \_\_\_\_\_

Was a police report filed? \_\_\_\_\_

What traffic violations, if any, were you charged with? \_\_\_\_\_

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Was an ambulance called to the scene? \_\_\_\_\_

Were any photographs taken at the scene? \_\_\_\_\_

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Were any television or other media crews at the scene? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you prepared to provide information about witnesses or other individuals involved in the accident?

Yes

No



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\_\_\_\_\_  
Who is your general or family physician? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Have you ever had similar injuries in the past? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Are you prepared to provide information about you?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Yes No

POSSIBLE INFORMATION:  
Your age and birthdate? \_\_\_\_\_  
Your address? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Your telephone number? \_\_\_\_\_  
Your social security number? \_\_\_\_\_  
Your marital status? \_\_\_\_\_  
Your children, if any? \_\_\_\_\_  
Your present employment, if any? \_\_\_\_\_  
Your wages or salary? \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you have missed time from work as a result of the accident? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Do you have a valid drivers' license? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you have automobile insurance? \_\_\_\_\_  
Who is your insurer? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Have you previously been involved in any car accidents? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Have you ever been convicted of a crime? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Are you prepared to provide information about your car?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Yes No

POSSIBLE INFORMATION:  
Make and model of car? \_\_\_\_\_  
Year? \_\_\_\_\_  
Is there a lien-holder or bank interest in the car? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
How long have you owned the car? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the working condition of the car? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
When was your car last serviced or seen by a mechanic? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What damages were sustained to your car during the accident? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you received an estimate for the damages? \_\_\_\_\_

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Did your car have any damages, dings or dents prior to the accident? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have photographs of you car both before, and after, the accident? \_\_\_\_\_

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