

Car Accident Preparedness Guide

Your Step-by-Step Legal Guide from Armstrong Injury Law

A car accident can happen when you least expect it. In the chaos that follows, knowing what to do can protect your health, your rights, and your future. This guide provides step-by-step instructions to help you stay prepared and confident in the aftermath of a collision.



Immediately After the Accident

- Ensure everyone is safe
- Call 911
- Stay calm and collected



Gather Key Information

- Exchange details with the other driver
- Take photos of the vehicles and scene
- Get contact info for witnesses



Avoid These Common Mistakes

- Don't admit fault
- Don't agree to "just handle it privately"
- Don't give a recorded statement to the insurance company without legal advice



In the Hours and Days After

- Seek medical attention
- Report the accident to insurance
- Do not accept settlement offers
- Contact a personal injury attorney



Compensation May Include

- Medical bills
- Lost wages
- Property damage
- Pain and suffering



Time Matters

Washington State gives you 3 years from the date of the accident to file a claim. Don't wait - evidence fades and deadlines matter.



Glove Box Checklist - Keep This Handy

Get from all other drivers:

Name:

Phone #:

Address:

Insurance company:

Policy #:

Drivers license #:

License plate #:

Get from witnesses:

Name:

Phone #:

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