Crash Checklist

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At the scene

- ❑ Stop and move to safety - hazards on, out of traffic lanes
- ❑ Check yourself and passengers for injuries
- ❑ Call 911 if anyone is hurt, a vehicle cannot be driven, or you are unsure
- ❑ Set out warning triangles or flares, especially at night

Document everything

- ❑ Photograph all vehicles from multiple angles, license plates included
- ❑ Photograph damage close-ups, skid marks, debris, road conditions
- ❑ Exchange: name, phone, address, insurer, policy number, license number, vehicle
- ❑ Get names and numbers of witnesses before they leave
- ❑ Get the police report number and officer name/badge number

Within 72 hours

- ❑ See a doctor even if you feel fine - symptoms often appear later
- ❑ Notify your insurer and start the claim (have photos and report number ready)
- ❑ Ask what your policy covers: rental, towing, medical payments, deductible
- ❑ Get your own repair estimate; compare it with the adjuster's appraisal

Do not

- ❑ Do not admit fault or argue at the scene - stick to facts
- ❑ Do not give a recorded statement to the other driver's insurer before understanding your claim
- ❑ Do not accept the first settlement offer before knowing the full cost of injuries
- ❑ Do not post about the crash on social media

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