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Arizona Car Accident Checklist

Keep this in your glove box. If a crash happens, work down the list.

AT THE SCENE

- ☐ **Check for injuries.** Call 911 if anyone may be hurt — even if injuries seem minor.
- ☐ **Get to safety.** If the vehicles are drivable, move them out of traffic. Turn on your hazard lights.
- ☐ **Call police** and wait for them to arrive. Ask for the officer's name and the report number.
- ☐ **Exchange information:** each driver's name, phone number, insurance company and policy number, license plate, and driver's license number.
- ☐ **Get witness contacts.** Names and phone numbers of anyone who saw the crash.

PHOTOS TO TAKE (MORE IS BETTER)

- ☐ All vehicles **where they came to rest**, from several angles, before they're moved if it's safe.
- ☐ **Close-ups of all damage** on every vehicle, plus each license plate.
- ☐ The **roadway**: traffic signals or signs, lane markings, skid marks, debris, and weather/lighting conditions.
- ☐ Your **visible injuries** — and again in the following days as bruising develops.
- ☐ The other driver's **insurance card and driver's license** (a photo beats copying it down).

GOOD TO KNOW — IN THE DAYS AFTER

- **You don't need to characterize fault at the scene.** Fault is determined later; Arizona divides it by percentage under its comparative fault rules.
- **Symptoms can show up days later.** A medical evaluation soon after the crash protects your health and creates a record — even if you feel fine.
- **Recorded statements:** you are generally not required to give one to the other driver's insurance company. It's a fair thing to ask an attorney about first.
- **Deadlines:** most Arizona injury claims must be filed within two years — and crashes involving government vehicles or roads can require notice within 180 days.
- **Keep everything:** medical bills, receipts, repair estimates, and a simple daily note of symptoms and missed work.

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