

Three Phone Calls After a Houston Crash—and What Each One Is Really For

The phone starts ringing after a wreck, and not all calls carry the same purpose. One gathers facts. One handles a damaged vehicle. One may ask for a recorded statement before you have even found your reading glasses. Treating all three as equally urgent is a fine way to feel overwhelmed.

A better approach is to sort the calls by job.

Call one: emergency and medical help

If anyone may be hurt, safety is first. Call 911, accept evaluation when appropriate, and follow up if symptoms emerge or worsen. Pain, stiffness, headaches, and dizziness can be delayed; bravado is not a diagnostic tool. Tell medical providers what happened and describe changes honestly.

The medical call has a second function: it starts a contemporaneous record. That does not mean every sore muscle proves a major injury. It means timing and symptoms are documented while they are fresh rather than reconstructed months later.

Call two: the insurer

Insurance notification is usually a practical necessity, especially for arranging vehicle inspection or towing. Stick to the basics: date, location, vehicles, and the fact that an accident occurred. Read your policy and keep notes of each conversation, including the adjuster's name and claim number.

Be cautious with broad authorizations or recorded statements when you do not yet understand your injuries or the facts in dispute. "I would like time to review this" is a complete sentence. So is "Please send that request in writing."

Call three: someone who can explain the terrain

[Car accident attorneys Houston TX](#) residents consult may help evaluate issues that do not fit neatly into an insurance app: disputed fault, commercial vehicles, multiple policies, serious injuries, uninsured drivers, lost work, or pressure to settle quickly. A consultation is a chance to get oriented, not a requirement to launch a lawsuit.

Bring the useful raw material. Photos, report information, policy details, medical paperwork, repair estimates, witness contacts, and a brief timeline are better than a polished speech. If you do not have everything, say so. Early conversations are often about identifying what needs to be preserved.

The tiny details that grow teeth

Houston traffic creates plenty of complicated fact patterns. Was a driver turning across traffic? Did a vehicle merge from a lane that was ending? Was rain reducing visibility? Did a delivery driver have an employer involved? Were there cameras at a nearby business? These details can alter the questions worth asking.

Write down what you remember before it gets overwritten by conversations and assumptions. Draw a rough diagram if it helps. Note road names, direction of travel, signal colors, and the sequence as you experienced it. A crude sketch made promptly can be more useful than a very confident memory made later.

Also, do not repair or dispose of a vehicle until you have considered whether its condition may be important evidence, particularly in a significant collision. Photographs help, but physical damage can answer questions photographs cannot.

Loncar Lyon Jenkins – Houston is located at 12621 Featherwood Dr # 285, Houston, TX, 77034. The point of a good post-crash plan is not to make a bad day more bureaucratic. It is to ensure that the urgent call gets answered first, the practical call gets documented, and the consequential call is made with enough information to be genuinely helpful.

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