



CALCULATOR · FROM THE DATE OF THE CRASH

DEADLINE CALCULATOR

EVERY CLOCK THAT RUNS ON YOUR CRASH DATE.

Enter the date of the crash. The calculator applies the California rules that run on it: the police report, the DMV form, the six month government claim, the hit and run conditions, and the two year lawsuit deadline. Deadlines have exceptions, for minors and in a few other situations, so have yours confirmed on the free call.

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WHAT	DEADLINE	STATUTE	YOUR DATE
Written report to the CHP or city police	24 hours, when anyone is hurt or killed, unless an officer took the report at the scene	Vehicle Code 20008	
Form SR-1 to the DMV	10 days, when anyone is hurt or damage passes \$1,000	Vehicle Code 16000	
Police report for a hit and run claim on your own policy	24 hours	Insurance Code 11580.2	
Sworn statement to your own insurer, hit and run	30 days	Insurance Code 11580.2	
Written claim to a public entity	6 months from the injury, or from the death	Government Code 911.2	
Lawsuit for the injury	2 years from the crash	Code of Civil Procedure 335.1	
Uninsured or underinsured motorist: sue, settle in writing, or demand arbitration	2 years from the crash	Insurance Code 11580.2	
Wrongful death lawsuit	2 years from the date of death	Code of Civil Procedure 335.1	

SIX MONTHS, NOT TWO YEARS

If any public agency is part of the crash, the claim deadline is six months. A claim presented on day 183 is late, and people miss it because they are still treating.

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