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CHECKLIST · THE DRIVER LEFT

HIT AND RUN EVIDENCE
WHAT TO WRITE DOWN BEFORE YOU LOSE IT.

Say the plate out loud, then type it. Memory of a fleeing car degrades in minutes, so do not chase, and call 911 while the details are still in your head. A claim on your own uninsured motorist coverage for an unidentified driver requires a police report within 24 hours and a sworn statement within 30 days.

IN THE FIRST SIXTY SECONDS

- [ ] **The plate, even part of it, and the state**
  Three characters narrow a search more than you would think. Type it into your phone before anything else.
- [ ] **Make, model, color, and body type**
  “White pickup, extended cab, lifted” is enough to start with.
- [ ] **Where the damage is on their car**
  A broken passenger side mirror or a crumpled rear quarter panel is what an officer looks for in a body shop or a driveway.
- [ ] **Stickers, decals, a rack, a dent that was already there**
  The things that make one white pickup different from ten thousand.
- [ ] **Direction fled, and the street**
  “Eastbound on Ventura, turned right on Reseda.” Note the time.
- [ ] **The driver, and how many people were in the car**
  Only what you saw. Do not guess.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE SCENE

- [ ] **Call 911 and make the report now, not tomorrow**

  Your own uninsured motorist claim for an unidentified vehicle depends on a report to police within 24 hours under Insurance Code 11580.2.

- [ ] **Paint transfer and damage on your car, photographed**

  Their paint on your bumper is proof of physical contact, which the statute requires for an unidentified driver claim.

- [ ] **Witnesses and their numbers, and anyone who filmed it**

  Ask the person who stopped. Ask the person on the corner.

- [ ] **Cameras within a block: store, doorbell, gas station, bus**

  Write down the addresses. Footage overwrites in days.

- [ ] **Your own policy: find the UM line on the declarations page**

  That is the coverage that pays when the driver is never found. Our policy checklist shows where it is.

TWO CLOCKS START TODAY

A police report within 24 hours. A sworn statement to your own insurer within 30 days. Miss either and the uninsured motorist claim can be denied on the calendar, not the facts.

Free case review: (424) 235-7879. No fee unless we recover. Case costs are disclosed in writing before we begin. Se habla español. The web version saves your progress: https://www.wiseinjuryfirm.com/library/tools/hit-and-run-checklist/

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