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The 7 photos to take after a crash.

Your phone already stamps the time and place. Your job is to point it at the right things.

- [ ] **1 Both cars, all four sides.**
- [ ] **2 Both license plates.**
- [ ] **3 The whole scene, wide.**
  From a few steps back.
- [ ] **4 The road.**
  Signs, signals, lane lines, skid marks.
- [ ] **5 Anything on the ground.**
  Debris, glass, fluids.
- [ ] **6 The other driver's insurance card and license.**
  Photograph it; don't copy it by hand.
- [ ] **7 The inside of your own car.**
  Airbags, where loose things landed, a cracked screen, a shifted child seat, anything broken. Almost nobody takes these.

Four photo habits

1. Don't delete anything from the scene, even if it looks useless. A blurry shot still carries the time stamp.
2. Don't crop, edit or filter. Edits can strip or change the data.
3. Back up the originals the same day: cloud, a laptop, anywhere besides only the phone.
4. If you send a photo, send the original file, not a screenshot.

Take more than you think you need. Within an hour the cars are moved and the glass is swept.

Based on general guidance from the Insurance Information Institute and NHTSA.

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