Post-Accident Driver Checklist

Complete before placing in the truck

Company safety / dispatch phone

After-hours contact / insurer claim phone

1 Protect people

- ☐ Stop safely, check for injuries, and call 911 when emergency assistance is needed. Give the exact location and known hazards.
- ☐ Follow responder directions. Use flashers and required warning devices when safe; keep clear of moving traffic, spills, and unstable cargo.
- ☐ Avoid ignition sources near a fuel leak. Never use flame-producing warning devices where prohibited or unsafe.

2 Notify and cooperate

- ☐ Contact dispatch / safety promptly. Report injuries, towing, cargo hazards, police involvement, and any citation.
- ☐ Provide accurate information to responders. Describe what you observed; avoid guesses about cause or fault.
- ☐ Remain available for instructions and any required testing. Do not delay necessary medical care.

3 Capture facts when safe

- ☐ Photograph overall positions, damage, roadway signs, conditions, vehicle identifiers, and cargo concerns.
- ☐ Exchange driver, vehicle, and insurance information. Collect witness contacts and the agency / report number.
- ☐ Preserve camera footage and electronic records. Send information through the company’s approved channel; avoid public posts.

Initial incident details

Date / time / exact location

People notified / time

Immediate follow-up

Tell safety immediately if facts change, including a later citation or injury update. The carrier must evaluate DOT testing promptly; this driver checklist does not decide whether testing is required.

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Working resource. Confirm applicability and current requirements for your operation.