

Crash Scene Checklist for Public Safety Professionals

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Consider these items to observe when on-scene at each motor vehicle crash. Use the “Hot Wash” template later to prompt a scene debrief discussion.

Item	Detail
Crash type:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crashed into fixed object• Crashed with moving object• Vehicles' sizes mismatched
Crash direction:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What part of vehicle was impacted (front / rear / side)• Were there multiple impacts / rollover
Crash intrusion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Did intrusion into the occupant's space occur? How much?
Air bags deploy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Driver: steering wheel / knee bolster / side curtain / seat cushion• Front passenger: frontal / knee bolster / side curtain / seat cushion• Back seat: side curtain / other
Occupants in vehicle:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• # Occupants• Ejected Occupants
Projectile hazards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What was the projectile• Did it hit anyone and where
Occupant's contact marks in vehicle:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steering wheel / Dashboard / Vents• Area below steering wheel• Headliner / Visor• Windshield, windows, window frames• Doors / Pillars / Posts• Rear-view mirrors• Back of front seats• Exterior from ejected occupant

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Seat belt or child restraint use:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seat belts: lap & shoulder belt worn properly• Car seats: Rear-facing / Forward-facing / Booster• No restraint present / used / unknown• Misused restraint
Indicators of seat belt use:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rub marks on webbing• Scratches on the D-ring of shoulder belt• Seat belt folded in D-ring• Scratches on belt's latch plate• The seat belt is locked / non-retractable• Pre-tensioner fired
Pedestrian, Bicycle, Motorcycle contact marks on vehicle:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bumper / Hood / Windshield• Headliner (where windshield meets roof)• A-pillar (where windshield meets door)• Side mirror• Roof liner (where roof meets door frame)
Key eMEDS data entry:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. "Use of Occupant Safety Equipment"<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Seat belt used / misused / no restraint usedb. Car seat: rear / forward-facing / booster2. "Main area of the vehicle impacted by collision"3. "Location of patient in the vehicle"4. "Airbag Deployment"



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