



## VEHICULAR CRIMES

### Incident Reports

If you have been involved in a vehicular incident and need a copy of the report for insurance purposes, requests can be made through a records request. Requests must be made in writing. Your request should include your **name, address, case number and a detailed description of the records you are requesting**. Requests must be made by either:

#### Email:

Electronic requests will be accepted ONLY if they are sent to the designated email of [tcsor@traviscountytx.gov](mailto:tcsor@traviscountytx.gov)

#### Fax:

Fax record requests to: 512-854-7270

#### In Person:

Hand deliver record requests to:

5555 Airport Blvd. Austin, TX

Available in person Monday - Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm

#### Mail:

Travis County Sheriff's Office

Attn: Shelly Eaton

P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX, 78767

### Auto Burglary and Theft

If your car has been *stolen*, you need to file a police report. You will need information about your car such as the make, model, color, year, license plate number and VIN number (if you have it) when filing the police report. After the police report is made, if the reported information indicates that the vehicle has been stolen, your vehicle will be entered into a state and national system as stolen. At that point, if any law enforcement officer runs the license plate, it will show as stolen. This may assist in the recovery of your vehicle. Be sure to let your insurance company know if your vehicle has been stolen.

You can take preventative action to help decrease the possibility of becoming a victim of auto burglary:

- Make sure you leave your purse, cell phone, computer, any electronics, and any other valuable items out of view
- Place valuable items in the trunk or take them with you
- Lock your doors
- Do not leave your keys in your car

- Keep your windows up
- Have an anti-theft device installed
- Do not leave your car running while unattended
- Do not leave a spare key in a place where a burglar could find it
- Always park in a public place that is well lit

## **Driving While Intoxicated/Driving Under the Influence/Intoxication Assault**

DWI, DUI and Intoxication Assault are very serious offenses which cause thousands of injuries and fatalities every year in the US. In Texas, the legal limit for intoxication is .08 BAC (blood alcohol concentration). If an officer thinks a person is driving impaired, the person can still be stopped and arrested for DWI regardless of BAC.

### ***First conviction***

- \$2,000 maximum fine
- Up to six months behind bars
- Suspended driver's license for up to a year
- \$1,000 every year for three years to keep your driver's license

### ***Second conviction***

- \$4,000 maximum fine
- Up to one year in jail
- Suspended driver's license for up to two years
- \$1,500 every year for three years to keep your driver's license

### ***Third conviction***

- \$10,000 maximum fine
- Two to ten years in prison
- Suspended driver's license for up to two years
- \$2,000 every year for three years to keep your driver's license

## **Driving Under the Influence with Children in the Car**

Incidents involving the presence of any minor 15 years or younger while the driver is determined to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs may be considered to be state jail felonies. These incidents may also be reported to Child Protective Services, especially if the driver is a caregiver of the child/children.

## **Leaving the Scene of a Collision**

Sometimes referred to as "hit and run" incidents, these cases usually involve a driver hitting a pedestrian or another motorist, with the suspect then fleeing the scene. These incidents could have a serious impact on your life. If you are the victim of a collision and the person who hit you leaves the scene, call 911 to make a report as soon as possible. If you sustain injuries and are unable to pay your medical bills, Crime Victims Compensation may be able to help cover those costs. Contact the Office of the Attorney General or the Victim Services Unit for more information.

## Common Reactions

A major traumatic incident can cause feelings of grief. Grief is a normal response to loss, yet it sometimes produces emotional and physical reactions which can be alarming. Not all of these reactions are healthy and some may need to be changed, but they are all understandable and do not mean the person experiencing them is “crazy” or that their feelings are “wrong.” No two people grieve the same.

### Emotional Reactions

- Anger
- Fear
- Extreme sadness
- Loneliness
- Detachment/Lack of emotional response

### Physical Reactions

- Difficulty sleeping or sleeping too much
- Unintentional changes in eating habits
- Significant and unintentional weight loss or weight gain
- Increased susceptibility to illness

### Behavioral Reactions

- Lack of motivation for daily activities
- Lack of concentration or memory
- Increased irritability
- Unpredictable bouts of crying or screaming
- Panic/anxiety attacks
- Wanting to talk about the incident
- Worrying about talking about the incident too much
- Increased use of alcohol, prescription drugs, or street drugs to help you cope

These responses will likely diminish with time. However, if your reactions are especially long lasting or troubling, you may need to consult with a helping professional for assistance.

**If you have other resource needs or questions, please contact Victim Services at 512-854-9709.**

#### ***What does the law say?***

<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us>

**Code:** Penal Code

**Article/Chapter:**

- Chapter 19. Criminal Homicide
- Chapter 30. Burglary and Criminal Trespass
- Chapter 31. Theft
- Chapter 49. Intoxication and Alcoholic Beverage Offenses

**Code:** Transportation Code

**Article/Chapter:**

- Chapter 550. Accidents and Accident Reports

## Available Resources

### **Office of the Attorney General – Crime Victims’ Compensation**

1 (800) 983-9933

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cvs/crime-victims-compensation>

### **MADD – Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Texas Chapter**

(512) 512-445-4976

[www.madd.org](http://www.madd.org)

### **Travis County Sheriff’s Office Auto Theft Task Force**

<https://www.tcsheiff.org/auto-theft>

DWI/DUI information: “Choose Your Ride” copied on April 25, 2018 from the Texas Department of Transportation website:  
<http://www.texasdwi.org/>.

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