



## BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON

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### **Notice of Claim Instructions**

If you wish to make a claim against a public entity, please read the following information:

Public Entities are protected from Tort actions by State Statute Title 59, and more specifically, Chapter 9, Paragraph 2e. Simply stated, Title 59:9-2e means that, if you have insurance to cover "physical damage" to your property, the money you are entitled to receive under such policy of insurance shall be deducted from your claim.

To expedite settlement of your claim, we ask that you settle your physical damage with your physical damage insurance carrier. You may submit a claim for your deductible by forwarding a copy of your estimate and a copy of the declaration sheet showing the amount of your physical damage deductible and complete the enclosed Tort claim form.

If you do not have "physical damage" coverage and wish to submit a claim, please forward an estimate for the damage, a copy of the declaration sheet from your insurance policy, and complete the enclosed Tort claim form.

Since all claims which are filed against public entities must be filed within 90 days of their occurrence, we suggest that your documentation be sent via certified mail. Although this is not required, it will insure that you have proof of receipt by this office.

Please allow a minimum of 90 days for a reply to your claim submittals.

Name of Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE OF CLAIM

To be completed by Claimant:

1. Claimant:

_____	_____	_____	_____
Last	First	Middle	Area Code/Telephone Number
_____			_____
Street Address			Additional Address
_____	_____	_____	_____
Date of Birth	Social Security Number	City	State/Zip Code

2. If notices and correspondence in connection with this claim are to be sent to a person other than claimant, please complete this section.

_____	_____
Name	Street Address
_____	_____
Additional Address	City State/Zip Code
_____	_____
Area Code/Telephone Number	Relationship to Claimant

3. Accident:

A. The occurrence or accident which gave rise to this claim:

_____	_____
Date	Time

B. Describe the exact location or place of the accident or occurrence:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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C. Describe how the accident or occurrence happened. If a diagram will assist your explanation, please use the reverse side of this form.

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D. State the name and address of the Local Unit that you claim caused your damage.

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E. State the names of the Local Unit's employees whom you claim were at fault, including any information that will assist in identifying them.

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F. State in detail each and every negligent or wrongful act of the Local Unit and the Local Unit's employees which caused your damage.

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G. State the name and address of all witnesses to the accident or occurrence.

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H. If vehicle accident, state the names, address, age, and relationship to insured of all passengers in your vehicle.

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I. State the names of all police officers and police departments who investigated the accident.

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4. Claim for damages:

A. Claim for damages: (Check appropriate box)

Bodily Injury

Property Damage

Other

If other, explain \_\_\_\_\_

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B. i. If you claim bodily injury – describe your injuries resulting from this accident or occurrence.

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ii. Do you claim permanent disability resulting from this injury?

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- iii. For each hospital, doctor or other practitioner rendering treatment, examination or diagnostic service, please list:

Name of Provider	Address	Date of Treatment	Type of Treatment	Charges	Paid by other source? Y/N

- iv. If you claim loss of wages or income as a result of the injury, state:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Employer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State/Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Occupation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Employed at this Job

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rate of Pay

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dates of Absences from Work

\_\_\_\_\_  
Total Lost Wages to Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
If still out of work, expected date of return.

NOTE: If your claimed loss of income arises from self-employment or other wages, attach a calculation showing the basis of your calculation of lost income.

- v. Set forth any and all other losses or damages claimed by you.

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C. If you claim property damage:

i. Describe the property damaged. If vehicle, include make, model, year, color, vehicle identification number, license plate number, state, and parts of vehicle damaged.

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ii. The present location and time when the property can be inspected.

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iii. Date property acquired \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Cost of the property \_\_\_\_\_

v. Value of property at time of accident \_\_\_\_\_

vi. Description of damage:

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vii. Has the damage been repaired?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, by whom, and cost of repairs.

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viii. Attach each estimate of repair costs to this form.

ix. Set forth in detail the loss claimed by you for property damage.

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D. Set forth in detail all other items of loss or damages claimed by you and the method by which you made the calculation.

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5. The amount of the claim \_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you made a claim against anyone else for any of the losses or expenses claimed in this notice?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, set forth the names and address of all persons and the insurance companies against whom you have made such claims.

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7. Are any of the losses or expenses claimed herein covered by any policy of insurance?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

For each such policy, state the name and address of the insurance company, policy number, and benefits paid or payable.

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8. Have you received or agreed to receive any money from anyone for damages claimed herein?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, set forth the details of such agreement.

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The following items must be submitted with this notice:

1. Copies of itemized bills for each medical expense and other losses and expenses claimed.
2. Full copies of all appraisals and estimates of property damage claimed by you.
3. Copies of all written reports of all expert witnesses and treating physicians.
4. A letter from your employer verifying your lost wages. If self-employed, a statement showing the calculation of your claimed lost income.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true, that the attached statements, bills, reports, and documents are the only ones known to me to be in existence at this time. I am aware that if any statement made herein is willfully false or fraudulent, I am subject to punishment as provided by law.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Claimant or person filing on behalf of claimant.

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Print name as signed above.