

**North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles
Request for Motor Vehicle Information
(Crash Reports)**

The North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) maintains records containing confidential personal information in its database that are not available to the public. Such records include Crash Reports. DMV discloses these records in accordance with the Federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act (DPPA) of 1994, 18 U.S.C. § 2721 et seq. and North Carolina General Statute § 20-43.1. The personal information from these records may only be released to individuals or organizations that qualify under an exception(s) as defined in the DPPA. These are known as Permissible Uses. The Permissible Uses that apply for Crash Reports are listed on Page 2 of this Form.

As of Jan 1, 2013, only certified Crash Reports are available from the Division. NCGS § 20-42(b) and § 20-4.02.

Failure to complete this form or to provide sufficient explanation will result in DMV denying your request.

I hereby request a copy of a certified Crash Report for:

Name of Driver _____ DL# _____

Date of Crash _____ County of Crash _____

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In order to obtain an unredacted report, you must have a DPPA permissible use (shown on Page 2 of this Form) to see the personal information of all parties involved.

- I qualify under Permissible Use number(s) _____ listed on Page 2 of this Form.
- I do not qualify under a DPPA Permissible Use and I am requesting a **redacted** copy.
- I am a party involved in the crash without a DPPA Permissible Use and I am requesting a **redacted** copy.

Requested by: _____ **Date:** _____

Full Name (Print): _____ **Contact Phone #:** _____

Agency or Company: *(Name & Type of Business)* _____

Role/Title: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Identification Provided: _____

Please include ID Type, ID number, and State of Issuance (e.g. Driver's License/State ID # for individuals involved, Bar/License # for attorneys or private investigators, Tax ID # for businesses, etc.)

My signature on this document acknowledges that I understand that:

The information about individuals obtained in the Crash Report is privileged, confidential, and not to be made public. There are state and federal criminal and civil penalties for any of the following: (a) knowingly making a false statement or representation on this Form, or (b) misrepresenting my identity, or how I qualify under the DPPA, or (c) for knowingly obtaining, disclosing, or using personal information for a purpose not permitted under DPPA.

Signature _____

For additional information, contact the Crash Reports Unit at 919-861-3068.

Web Site: <https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/offices-services/records-reports/Pages/crash-reports.aspx> for cost of a Crash Report, currently **\$6.50**. Cash not accepted for mailed requests. Make checks payable to NCDMV and mail requests to: Traffic Records Branch, Crash Reports Unit, 3106 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27697-3106

Excerpt from the DPPA – 18 U.S.C. Ch. 123 § 2721

- (a) In General. A State department of motor vehicles, and any officer, employee, or contractor thereof, shall not knowingly disclose or otherwise make available to any person or entity:
- (1) personal information, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 2725(3), about any individual obtained by the department in connection with a motor vehicle record, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section; or
 - (2) highly restricted personal information, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 2725(4), about any individual obtained by the department in connection with a motor vehicle record, without the express consent of the person to whom such information applies, except uses permitted in subsections (b)(1), (b)(4), (b)(6), and (b)(9): Provided, That subsection (a)(2) shall not in any way affect the use of organ donation information on an individual's driver's license or affect the administration of organ donation initiatives in the States.
- (b) Permissible Uses. Personal information shall be disclosed for use in connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and theft, motor vehicle emissions, motor vehicle product alternations, recalls, or advisories, performance monitoring of motor vehicles and dealers by motor vehicle manufacturers, and removal of non-owner records from the original owner records of motor vehicle manufactures to carry out the purposes of titles I and IV of the Anti Car Theft Act of 1992, the Automobile Information Disclosure Act (*15 U.S.C. 1231 et seq.*), the Clean Air Act (*42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.*), and chapters 301, 305, and 321-331 of title 49, and, subject to subsection (a)(2), may be disclosed as follows:

***For the purposes of Crash Reports, the Permissible Uses listed below are the only exceptions that are allowable to obtain an unredacted crash report.**

Permissible Uses 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 are not applicable.

- (1) For use by any government agency, including any court or law enforcement agency, in carrying out its functions, or any private person or entity acting on behalf of a Federal, State, or local agency in carrying out its functions. **(For in person or mailed transactions only.)**
- (2) For use in connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and theft; motor vehicle emissions; motor vehicle product alterations, recalls, or advisories; performance monitoring of motor vehicles, motor vehicle parts and dealers; motor vehicle market research activities, including survey research; and removal of non-owner records from the original owner records of motor vehicle manufacturers. **(For in person or mailed transactions only.)**
- (4) For use in connection with any civil, criminal, administrative, or arbitral proceeding in any Federal, State, or local court or agency or before any self-regulatory body, including the service of process, investigation in anticipation of litigation, and the execution or enforcement of judgments and orders, or pursuant to an order of a Federal, State, or local court.
- (6) For use by any insurer or insurance support organization, or by a self-insured entity, or its agents, employees, or contractors, in connection with claims investigation activities, antifraud activities, rating or underwriting.
- (7) For use in providing notice to the owners of **previously** towed or impounded vehicles.
- (8) For use by any licensed private investigative agency or licensed security service for any purpose permitted above. **(Must select another Permissible Use in combination with this Permissible Use.)**