Mobile Driver Report

User Manual for Drivers

File your Nebraska driver's crash report - also called an accident report - from your phone, in English or Spanish. Free, nothing to install, and nothing you type is kept on anyone's server.

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1. Welcome to Mobile Driver Report

1.1 What it does

Mobile Driver Report walks you through the same questions as Nebraska's official Driver's Motor Vehicle Crash Report (the NDOT Form 41), one screen at a time, built for a phone. At the end it fills in the official form as a PDF and hands it - with an optional data file and any photos - to your phone's share sheet so you can email it to NDOT.

- It's **free**, and there's **nothing to download or install** - it runs in your web browser at **mobiledriverreportne.com**.
- It works on a **phone, tablet or computer**.
- You can fill it out in **English or Spanish**. The report sent to NDOT is always in English, so staff can process it either way.
- There are **7 steps**: Crash Details, Location, Vehicles, Non-Motorists, Diagram, Photos, and Review & Submit.

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1.2 Do I need to file?

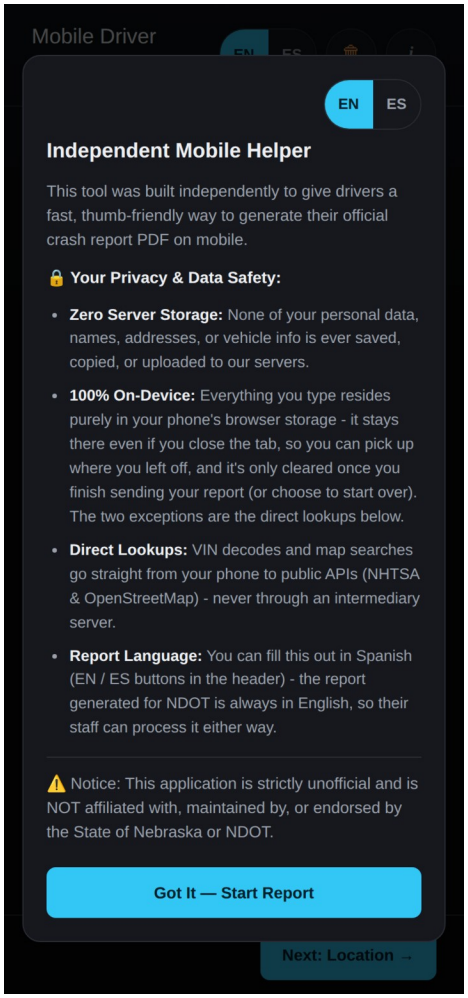
Nebraska law generally requires a driver to file a report within **10 days** of a qualifying crash that wasn't investigated by a law enforcement officer at the scene.

If an officer **did** complete an Investigator's Crash Report, you're not required to file your own (Nebraska Revised Statute § 60-699) - but you're welcome to anyway, for your own records or your insurance. The app asks this as its very first question (section 3.1).

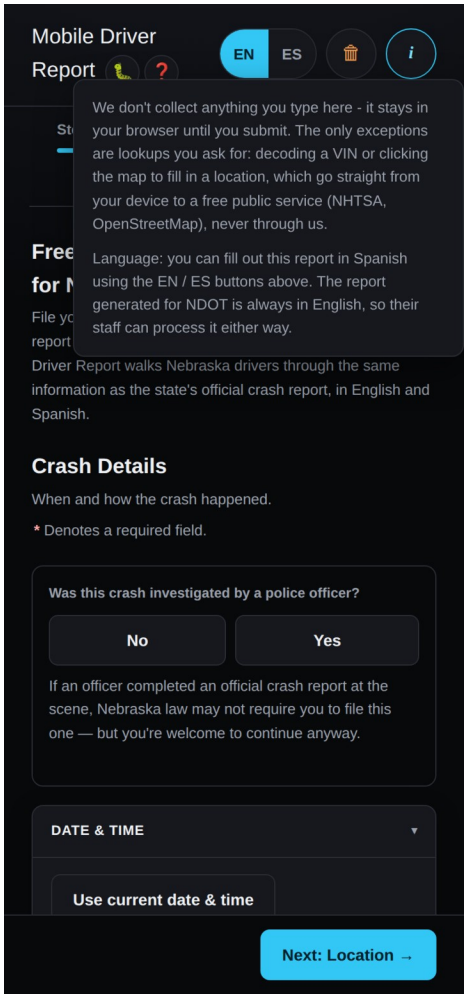
> **Tip.** "Crash report" and "accident report" are the same thing in Nebraska. The app uses the state's official word, "crash."

1.3 Your privacy

The first time you open the site, a welcome screen explains how your information is handled. Tap **Got It — Start Report** to begin.



The welcome screen



The privacy note, from the i button

- **Nothing you type is sent to or stored on our servers.** Everything stays in your browser on your device until you send the report.
- **It's saved as you go.** If you close the tab or your phone locks, your answers are still there when you come back (section 2.3).
- **Two optional lookups** leave your device, and only when you ask for them: **Decode VIN** asks NHTSA (the federal vehicle-safety agency) what vehicle a VIN belongs to, and **tapping the map** asks OpenStreetMap for the address at that spot. Both go straight from your device to those public services.
- **It's cleared when you're done.** Once you confirm you've sent the report, the saved copy is erased from your device. You can also erase it any time with the wipe button (section 2.4).

2. Getting around

2.1 The header and progress bar

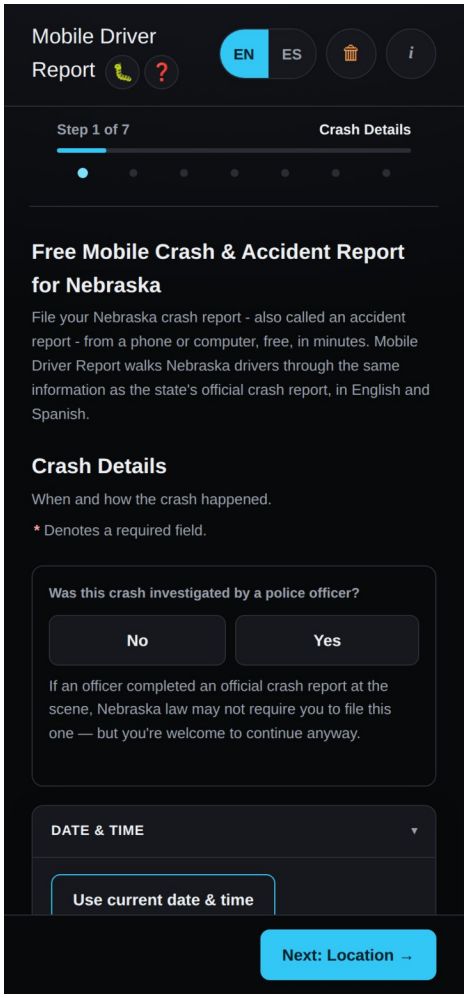
The same header is at the top of every screen:



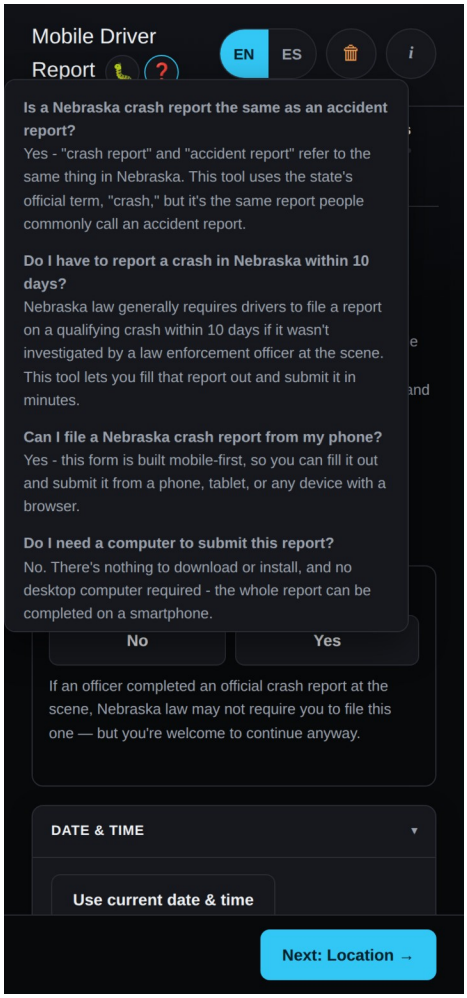
The header

Button	What it does
🐛 (bug)	Report a problem or send an idea. Opens a short note and a button to email the developer.
❓	Frequently asked questions (section 10.1).
EN / ES	Switch between English and Spanish at any time. Your answers are kept.
🗑 (trash)	Wipe everything you've entered and exit (section 2.4).
i	The privacy note (section 1.3).

Under the header, the progress bar shows **Step _ of 7** and the step's name. Each dot is a step - tap a dot to jump straight to that step. Every step also has **← Back** and **Next →** buttons at the bottom.

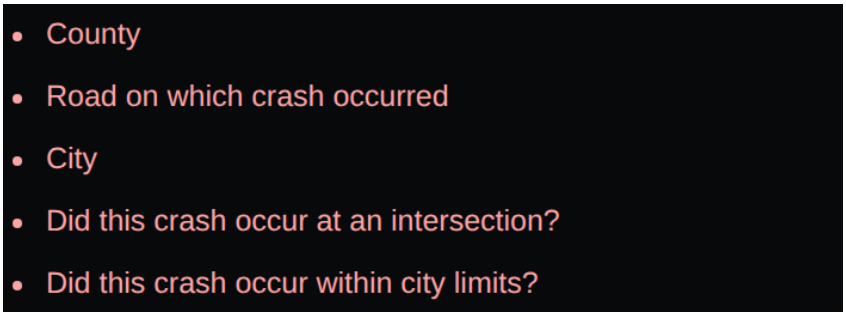


Step 1, with the progress bar



The FAQ (❓)

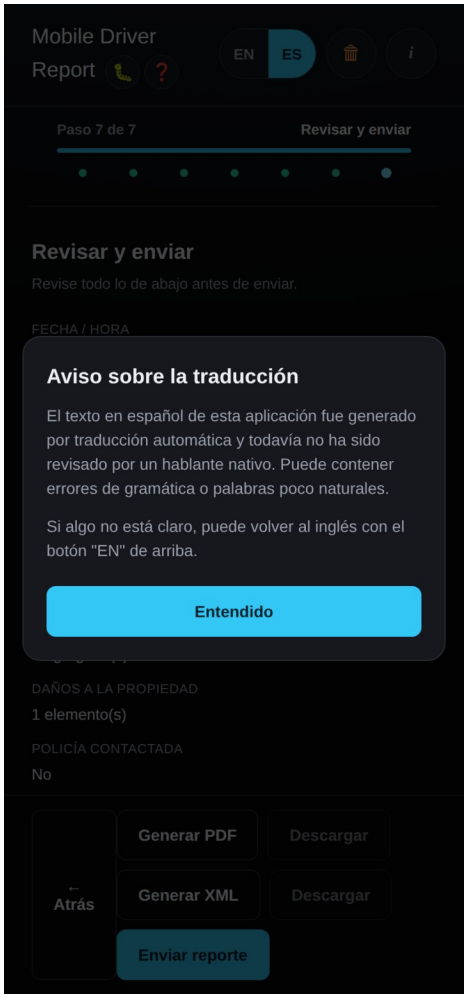
Fields marked with a red * are required. If you tap **Next** while something required is missing, the app lists what's still needed; tap an item in the list to jump to it.



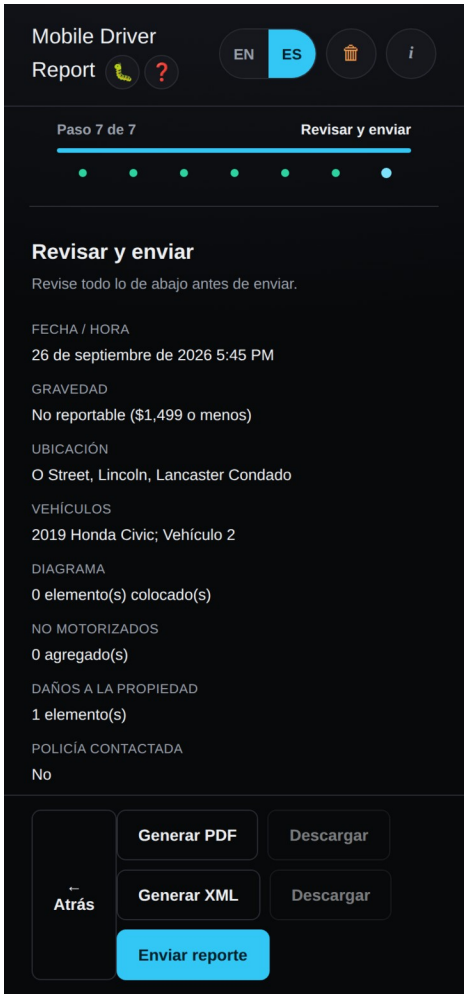
A list of what's still needed

2.2 English and Spanish

Tap **ES** for Spanish or **EN** for English. The first time you switch to Spanish, a notice explains that the Spanish text was machine-translated and hasn't yet been reviewed by a native speaker - if anything is unclear, switch back to **EN** at any time. The report NDOT receives is always in English.



The translation notice



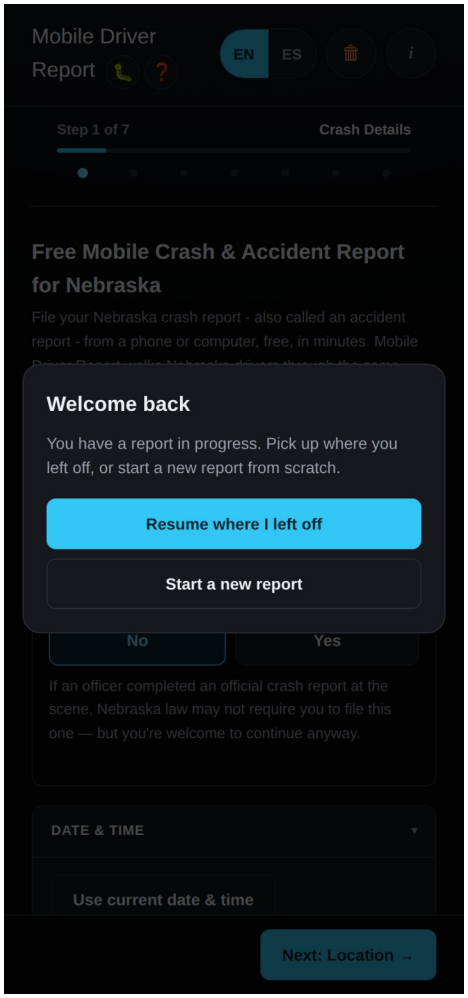
A step in Spanish

2.3 Picking up where you left off

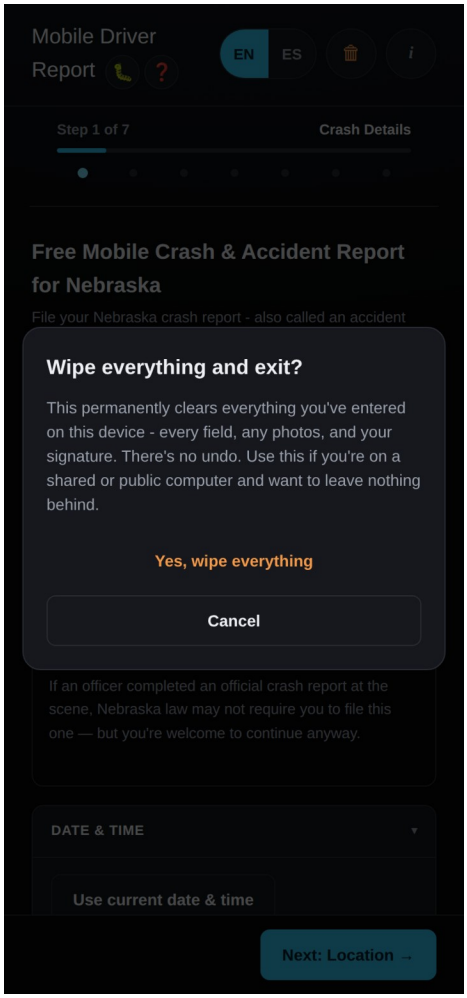
Your answers are saved on your device as you go. If you come back later, a **Welcome back** screen offers **Resume where I left off** (takes you to the step you were on) or **Start a new report** (erases the saved report and starts fresh).

2.4 Wiping everything

The 🗑 button erases every answer, photo and your signature from the device and returns to the start. It asks first - tap **Yes, wipe everything** to confirm or **Cancel** to go back. There's no undo. Use it if you're on a shared or public computer (a library, a kiosk) and want to leave nothing behind.



Welcome back



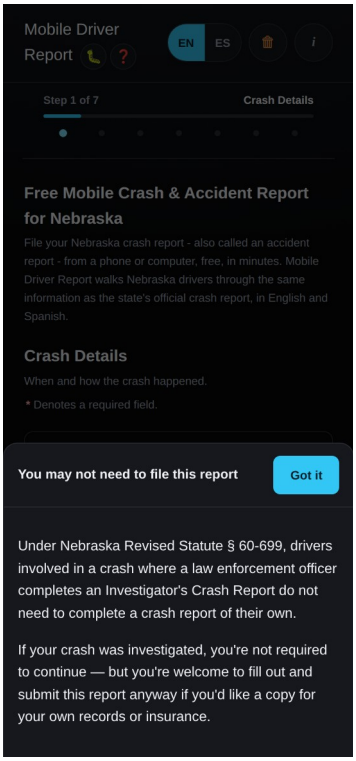
Wipe everything and exit?

3. Step 1 - Crash Details

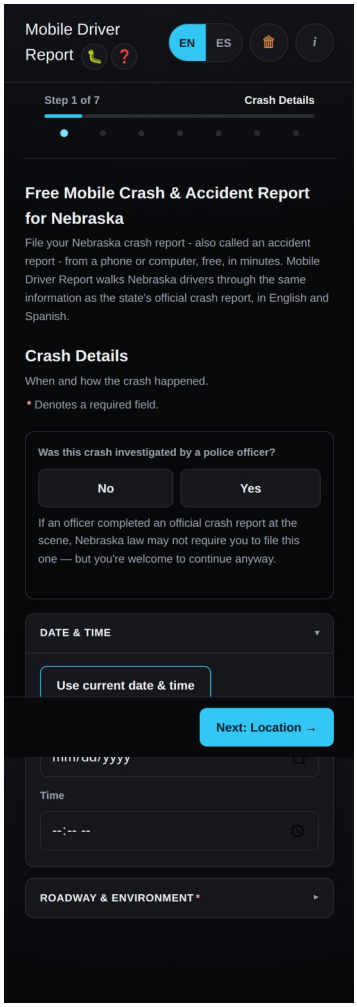
When and how the crash happened.

3.1 Was this crash investigated by a police officer?

Answer **No** or **Yes**. If you tap **Yes**, a notice explains that you may not need to file this report (section 1.2). Tap **Got it** to continue anyway - then enter the officer's **name or badge number** and **department** if you have them.



The notice when an officer investigated



Crash Details, Date & Time open

3.2 Date & Time

Enter the **date** and **time** of the crash, or tap **Use current date & time** if you're filling this out at the scene. The date can't be in the future.

3.3 Roadway & Environment

Tap **Roadway & Environment** to open it. Answer what you can:

Field	Notes
Light condition	Daylight, dark, dawn, dusk, and so on.
Weather	Up to 2 choices. Tap **+ Add** to pick; tap × on a choice to remove it.
Roadway surface material	Asphalt, concrete, gravel, dirt...
Work zone	Was the crash in a construction or maintenance zone?
Contributing circumstances - roadway environment *	Required, up to 2. Something about the road itself that contributed (potholes, debris, glare...), or **None**.
Road surface condition	Dry, wet, snow, ice...
Grade / Horizontal alignment	Was the road level, uphill or downhill; straight or curved?
Travel directions *	Required. One-way or two-way. For two-way roads the app also asks whether it's **Divided** and, if so, the **Barrier type**.
Traffic control device type	Up to 4: signals, stop signs, and so on, or **No Controls**. If you pick a device, the app also asks whether it was **working**.

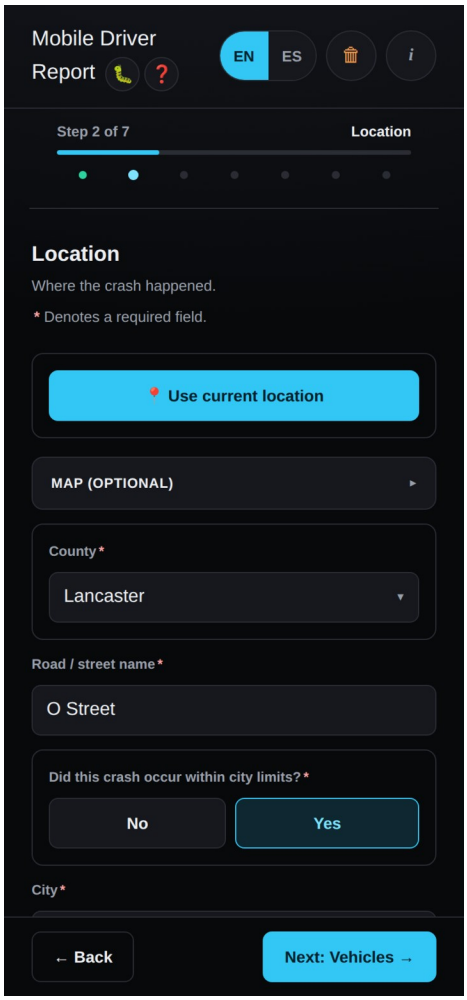
Tap **Next: Location →** when you're done.

4. Step 2 - Location

Where the crash happened.

4.1 Finding the spot

- **Use current location** fills in the place using your device's GPS - handy if you're still at the scene. Your browser will ask permission first.
- **Map (optional)** - open it and tap where the crash happened to drop a pin. The app looks up that spot and fills in the county, city and road name for you. This lookup goes straight to OpenStreetMap. **Close map** when you're done.
- Or just type it in: **County** *, **Road / street name** *, and whether it happened **within city limits** * - if yes, the **City**.



The top of the Location step

4.2 Roadway details

Optional details that help pinpoint the location on a highway or rural road: **Highway no.**, **Milepost no.** and **distance from milepost (ft)**, the **nearest city/town** and the distance to it, and the **posted speed**

limit (mph). Check **This happened on private property** if it did (a parking lot, a driveway). Use **Anything else that helps pinpoint the location** for notes like "200 ft north of the intersection, near the gas station."

4.3 Intersection

Did this crash occur at an intersection? * - if **Yes**, enter the **name of the intersecting roadway**. If **No**, enter the distance (feet or miles) to the **nearest street, bridge or railroad crossing** and its name.

4.4 Property damage (non-vehicle)

Was anything besides a vehicle damaged - a mailbox, fence, sign, light pole? Tap **+ Add property damage** for each item:

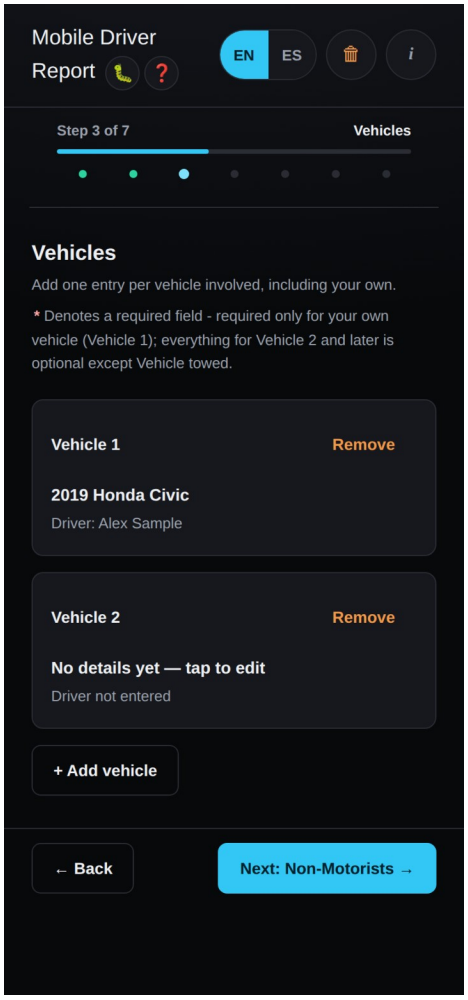
- **Object description** * - what was damaged.
- **Approx. cost of damage ($)** - your best guess. If you enter a large amount, the app asks you to confirm it with **That's correct, not a typo**.
- **Who owns this?** - **State / NDOT property**, **City / County property**, or **Private property**. For public property you don't need a name or address; for private property, enter the owner's **name**, **address** and **phone** if you know them.

Tap **Remove** to take an item off. Adding property damage is optional.

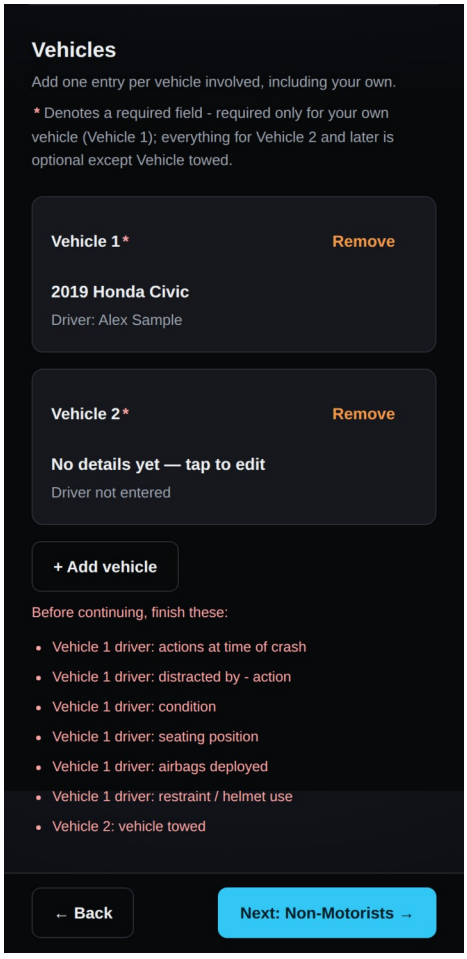
5. Step 3 - Vehicles

Add one entry per vehicle involved, **including your own**. Your own vehicle is always **Vehicle 1** - its required fields must be filled in. For **Vehicle 2** and later, everything is optional except **Vehicle towed**.

Tap **+ Add vehicle** to add one. Each vehicle opens in a panel; tap **Done** at the top to close it. Tap a vehicle in the list to reopen it, or **Remove** to delete it. A vehicle with something still missing is flagged, and the list under the vehicles tells you exactly what.



The vehicle list

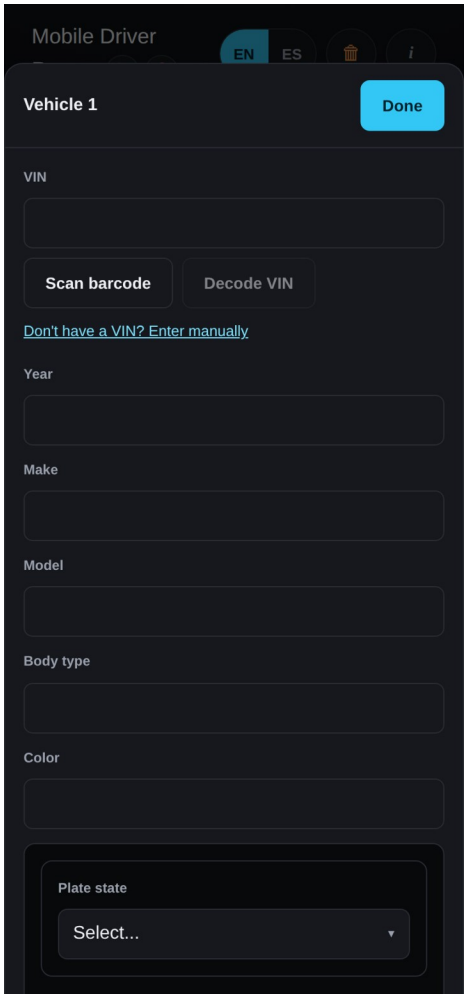


What's still missing

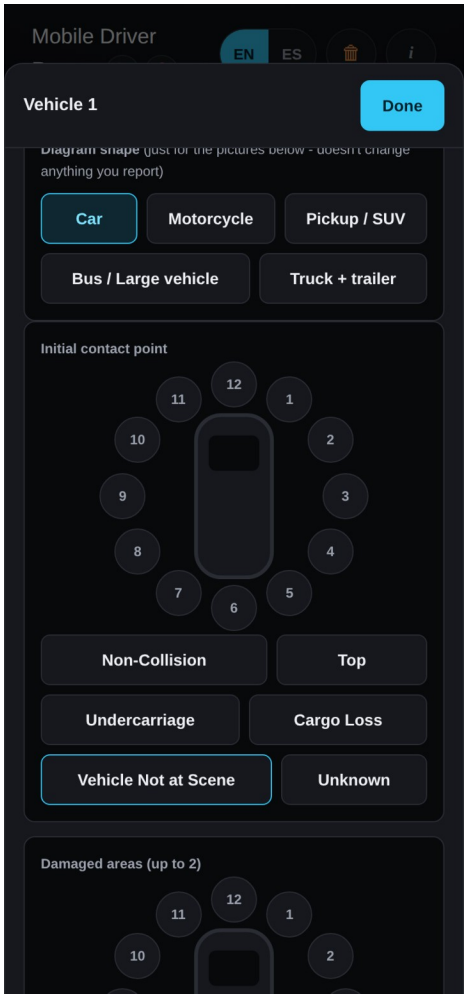
5.1 The vehicle

- **VIN** - type the 17-character VIN, or tap **Scan barcode** to scan it with your camera (it's on the driver's door jamb or at the base of the windshield). Tap **Decode VIN** to fill in year, make, model and body type automatically. If the VIN has a typo, the app warns you. No VIN? Tap **Don't have a VIN? Enter manually**.
- **Year, Make, Model, Body type, Color**, **License plate**, **Plate state** and **Plate expiration year**.
- **Estimated damage ($)**, **Insurance company** and **Insurance policy no.**

- **Vehicle towed** * - required for every vehicle.



Vehicle 1: VIN and vehicle



Initial contact point and damaged areas

5.2 What happened to the vehicle

- **Direction of travel**, **Road/highway traveled on**, **Movement before collision** and **Vehicle maneuver**.
- **Diagram shape** - car, motorcycle, pickup/SUV, bus, truck and trailer. This only changes the pictures below; it doesn't change anything you report.
- **Initial contact point** - tap the spot on the clock-face picture where the vehicle was first hit (12 is the front).
- **Damaged areas** - up to 2 more spots on the same picture, or options like **Undercarriage**, **Top**, **Non-Collision** or **Vehicle Not at Scene**.

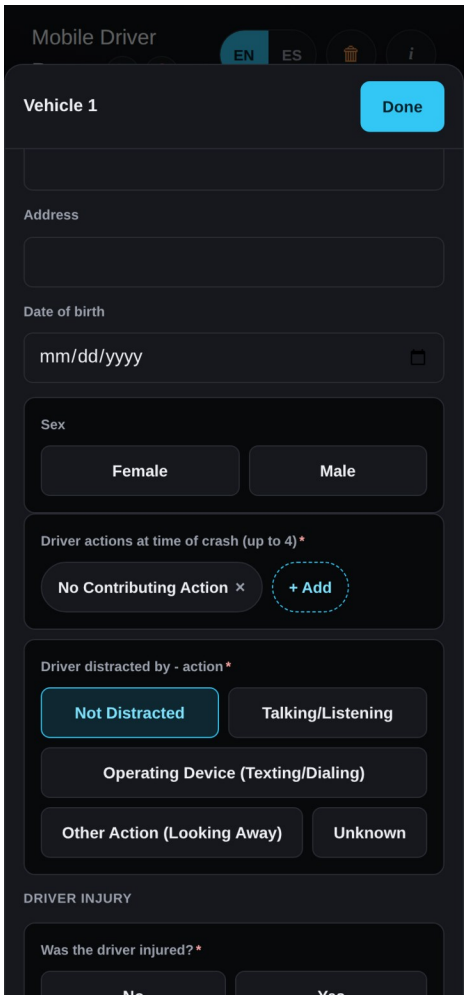
5.3 Owner, driver and passengers

Owner - name, address and phone.

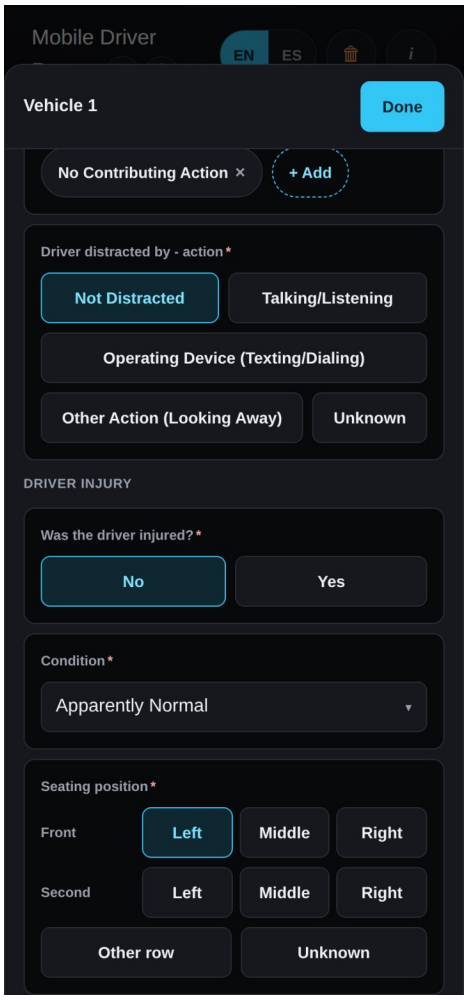
Driver - tap **Scan license barcode** to fill in the driver's details from a driver's license (it reads the barcode on the **back** - the photo side has no barcode), or check **Same as vehicle owner**. Otherwise enter the **first and last name**, **license number** and **state**, **phone**, **address**, **date of birth** and **sex**.

Then describe the driver at the time of the crash:

- **Driver actions at time of crash** (up to 4), **Driver distracted by - action** and **Source of distraction**.
- **Driver injury** - was the driver injured? Their **condition**, and **seating position**, plus airbags, restraint/helmet use and so on.



Driver actions and distraction

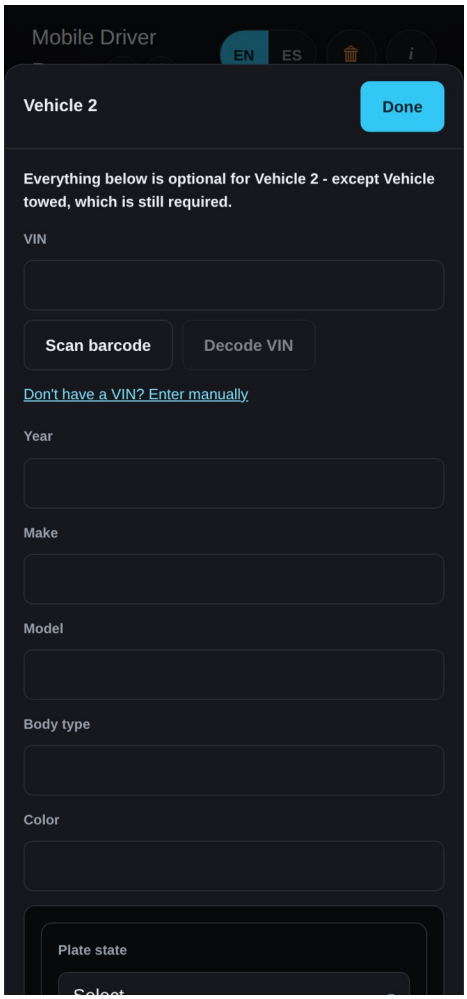


Driver injury and seating position

Occupants - tap **+ Add occupant** for each passenger: name, date of birth, sex, and the same injury questions.

5.4 Other vehicles

For Vehicle 2 and later, fill in whatever you know from the exchange of information at the scene - everything except **Vehicle towed** is optional. If you don't know who was driving, or they left the scene, check **Don't know who was driving, or they left the scene**; the owner, driver and occupant sections are then left blank on the report.

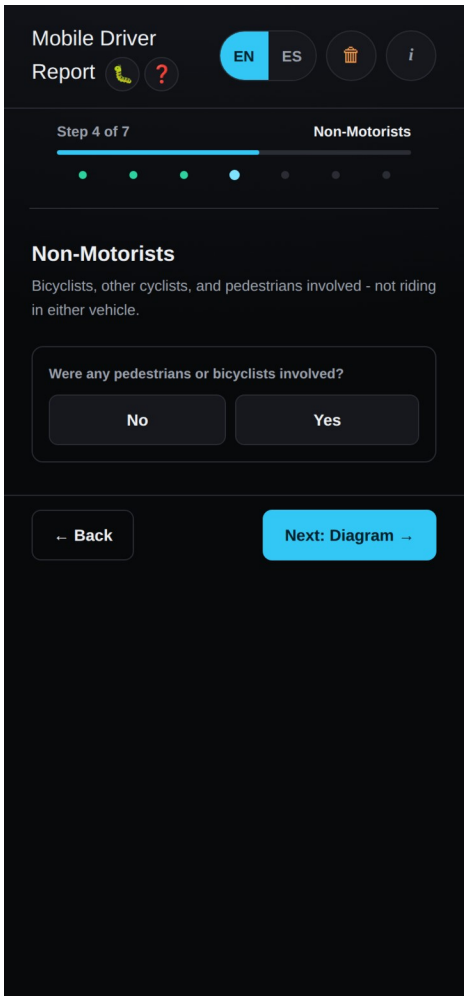


Vehicle 2 - everything optional except Vehicle towed

6. Step 4 - Non-Motorists

Pedestrians, bicyclists and other cyclists involved in the crash who weren't riding in any of the vehicles.

Were any pedestrians or bicyclists involved? * - if **No**, go straight to the next step. If **Yes**, tap **+ Add non-motorist** for each person: **first and last name**, **date of birth**, **sex**, **person type** (pedestrian, bicyclist...), **which vehicle struck this person**, and their injuries.



Non-Motorists

7. Step 5 - Diagram

7.1 Narrative (required)

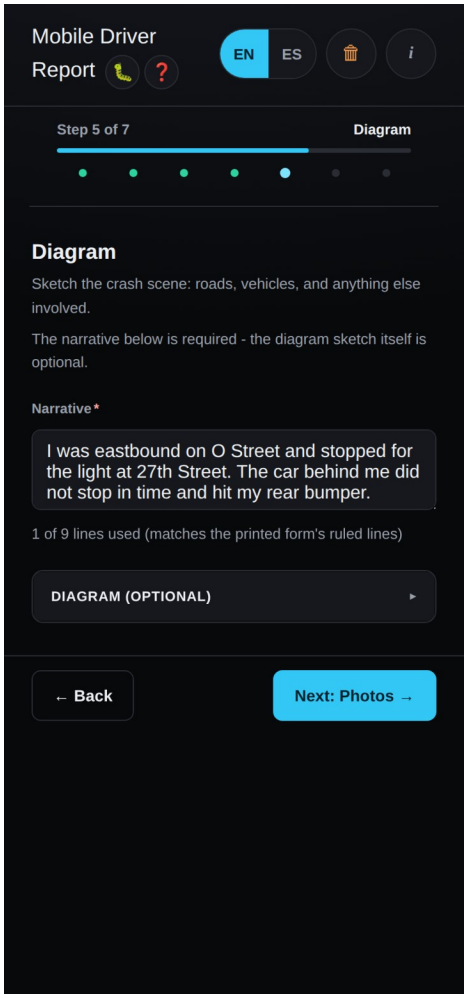
Describe what happened in your own words. For example: "I was eastbound on O Street and stopped for the light at 27th Street. The car behind me did not stop in time and hit my rear bumper."

The counter under the box shows how many lines you've used. The narrative is limited to the **9 ruled lines** on the printed form; once it's full, further typing isn't added - keep it short and stick to what happened.

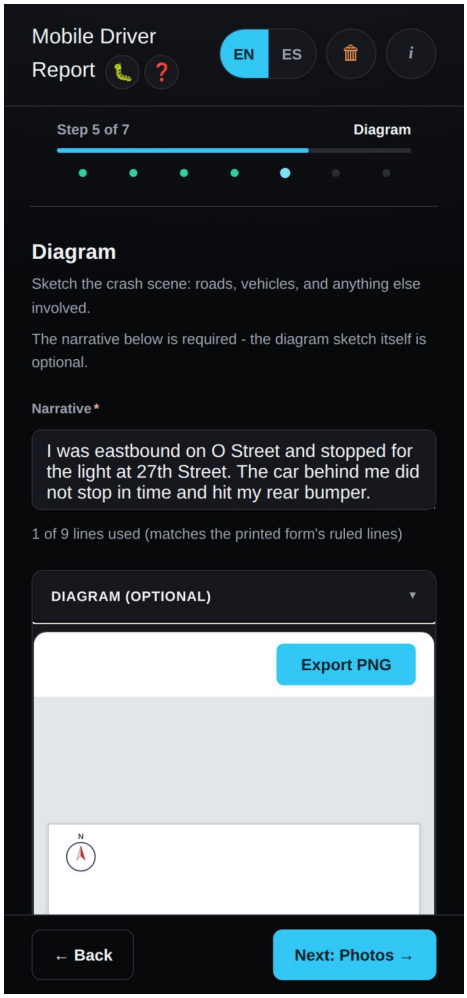
7.2 Diagram (optional)

Open **Diagram (optional)** to sketch the scene. It works with a finger on a phone or a mouse on a computer:

- **Road Pieces** / **Quick Preset** - start from a **straight road**, **curve**, **T-intersection** or **roundabout**, and set the number of **lanes** and **street names**.
- **Add Vehicle / Non-Motorist** - place each vehicle and person; drag to move, use the handle to rotate, and set its color.
- **Add Object** - signs, poles, trees, animals and other things involved. **Add Text** for a label.
- **Delete** removes the selected item. **Export PNG** saves a picture of the sketch.



The narrative

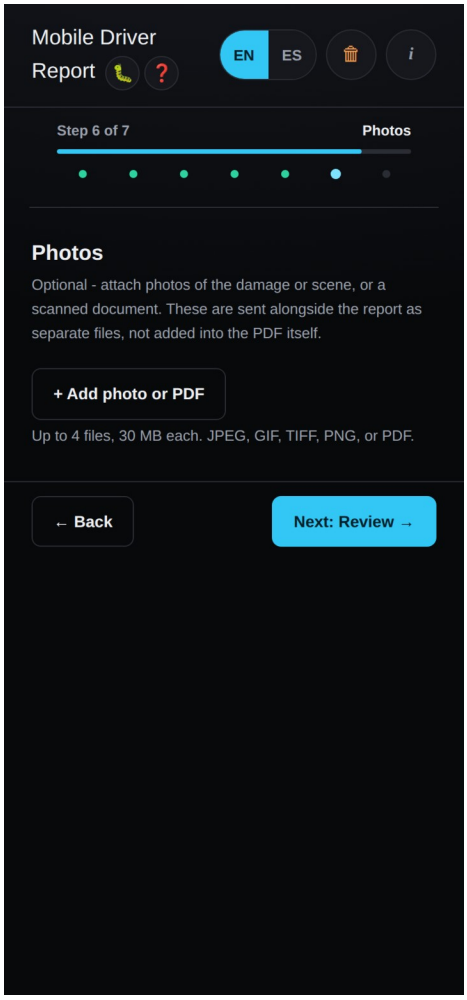


The diagram sketch

8. Step 6 - Photos

Optional. Tap **+ Add photo or PDF** to attach pictures of the damage or the scene, or a scanned document (for example, an insurance card).

- Up to **4 files**, **30 MB each**.
- JPEG, PNG, GIF, TIFF or PDF.
- Photos are sent **alongside** the report as separate files - they aren't added into the PDF itself.



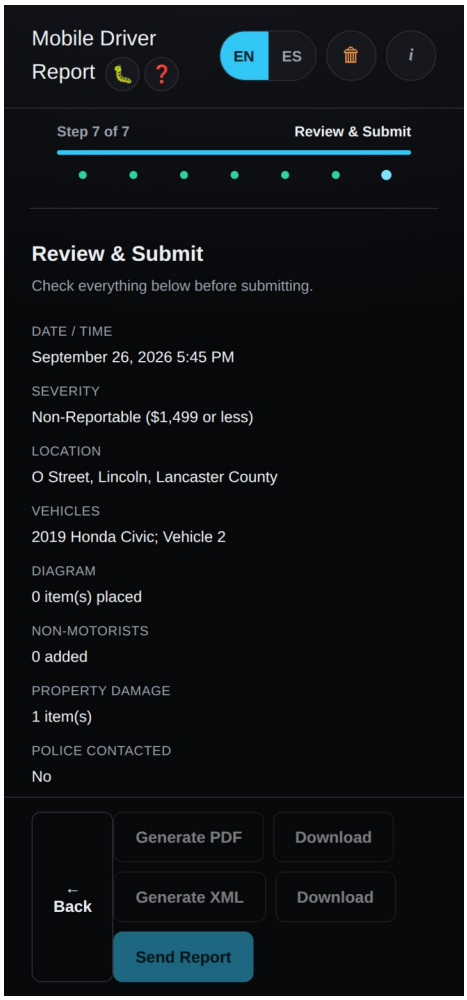
Photos

9. Step 7 - Review & Submit

9.1 Check your answers

The top of the page summarizes the report - date and time, location, vehicles, the diagram, non-motorists, property damage, whether police were contacted, and your attachments. **Severity** is worked out automatically from the injuries and damage you entered; you don't choose it. If something's wrong, tap ← **Back** or a progress dot to go fix it - your answers are kept.

Attachments are listed with a **Download** button for each, in case you end up emailing the report yourself (section 9.4).



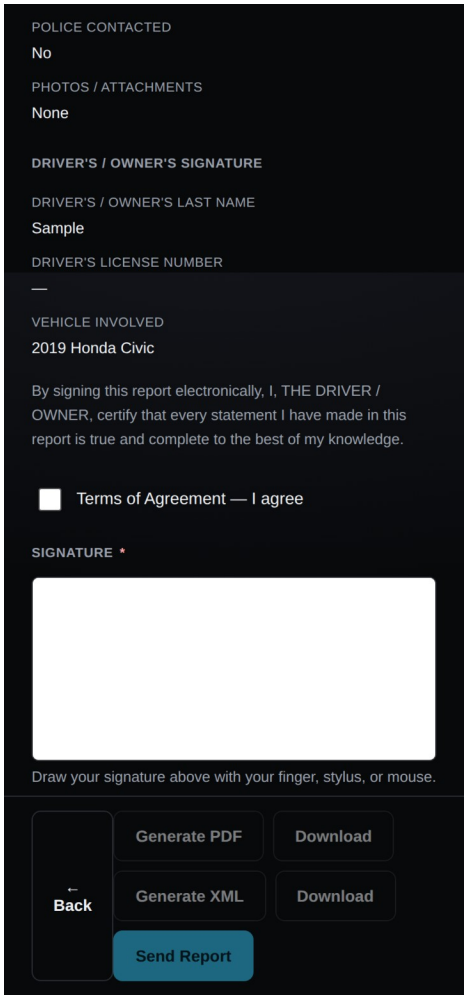
The summary

9.2 Sign the report

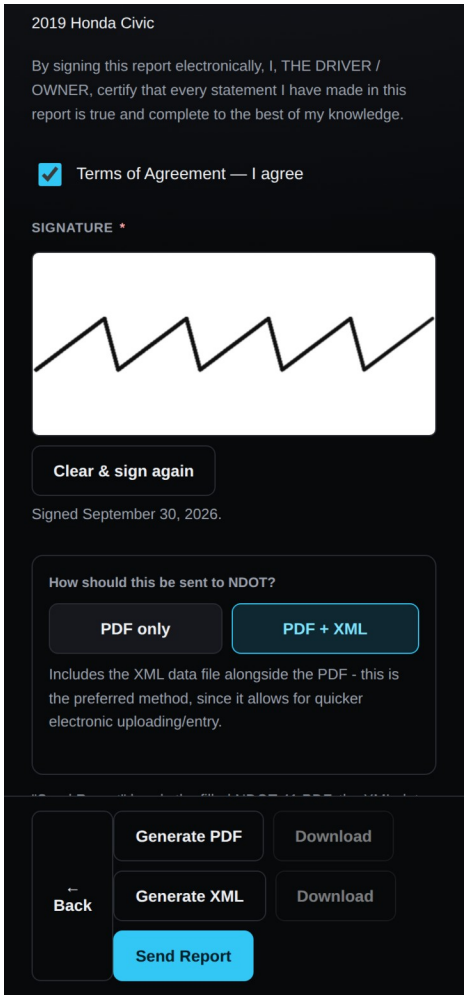
Under **Driver's / Owner's Signature**, check your last name, license number and vehicle, then read the certification: by signing electronically you certify that every statement in the report is true and complete to the best of your knowledge.

1. Check **Terms of Agreement — I agree**.

2. Sign in the **Signature** box with your finger, a stylus or a mouse. **Clear & sign again** starts over.
3. Check that the date under the box says **Signed** and today's date.



Before signing



Signed

9.3 Choose how to send it

How should this be sent to NDOT?

Choice	What's sent
PDF + XML (recommended)	The filled-in NDOT 41 PDF plus an XML data file. This is the preferred method - NDOT can upload the data electronically, which is quicker.
PDF only	Just the PDF. NDOT staff have to enter the report data by hand.

Any photos you attached go with either choice.

9.4 Send it

Tap **Send Report**. If anything is still missing, the buttons stay grey and the app lists what's needed (or reminds you to agree and sign).

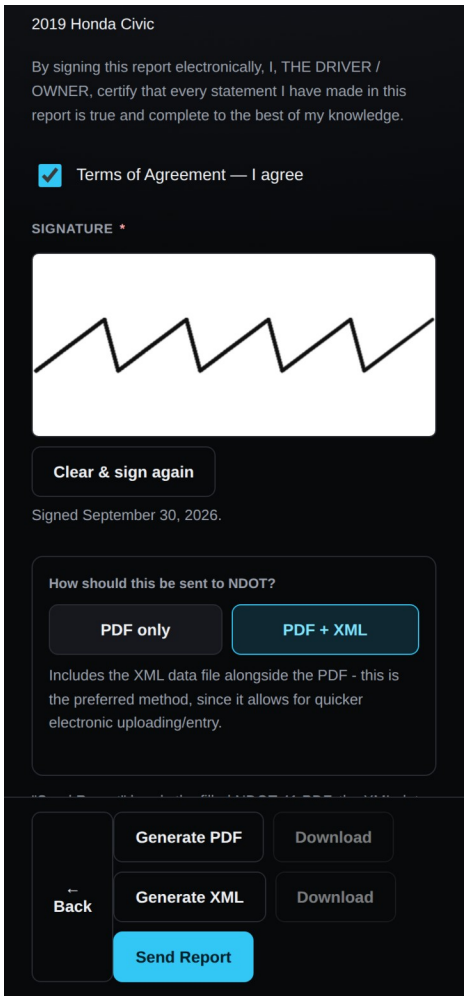
On most phones your phone's **share sheet** opens with the PDF, the XML file and your photos attached. Pick your email app. Make sure the email is addressed to:

NDOT.drivervehicleaccident@nebraska.gov

Send the email, then come back and tap **I've sent it — clear my saved draft**.

If your browser can't share files (common on desktop computers), the app bundles everything into **one ZIP file** and downloads it instead. It shows the address with a **Copy address** button and an **Open email app** button - start a new email to that address, attach the ZIP, and send it. Then tap **I've sent it — clear my saved draft**.

If you close the share sheet without sending, the app says **Not sent — your draft is still saved** - try again whenever you're ready.



Send options

> **Important.** Tapping Send Report doesn't send anything by itself - it hands the files to you. The report is only filed once **you** send the email. The app never sends your report anywhere on its own.

9.5 Keeping a copy

Before you clear your draft, you can keep your own copy: **Generate PDF** then **Download** saves the PDF (and shows a preview on screen); **Generate XML** then **Download** saves the data file. Once you tap **I've sent it — clear my saved draft**, everything is erased from your device and **Start a new report** begins a fresh one.

10. Questions and known limits

10.1 Frequently asked questions

Is a crash report the same as an accident report?

Yes. The app uses the state's official term, "crash."

Do I have to report a crash within 10 days?

Nebraska law generally requires a report within 10 days on a qualifying crash that wasn't investigated by a law enforcement officer at the scene.

What if police already investigated?

Under Nebraska Revised Statute § 60-699 you're not required to file your own - but you can, for your records or insurance.

Can I do this on my phone?

Yes - it's built for phones. There's nothing to download or install, and no computer is needed.

Can I fill it out in Spanish?

Yes - tap ES. The report sent to NDOT is always in English.

Is my information saved anywhere?

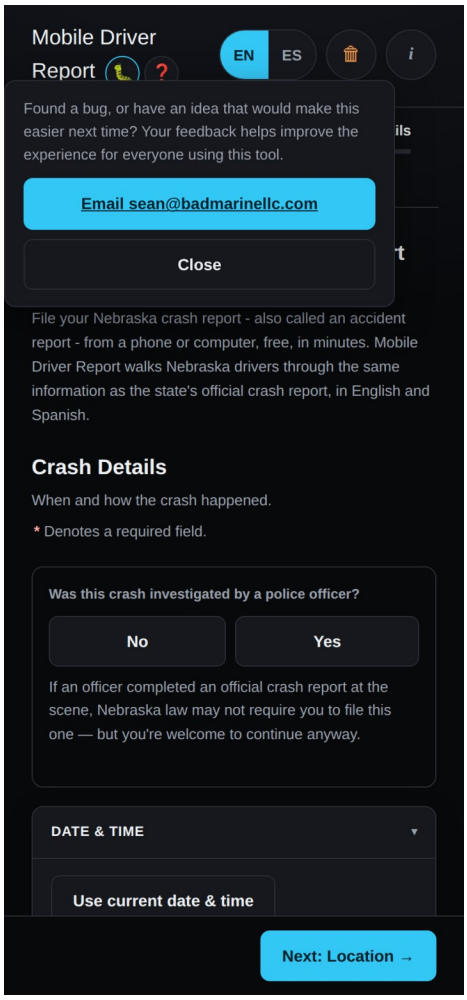
Only in your own browser, on your own device, until you send the report or wipe it (section 1.3).

10.2 Known limits

- **Your draft lives in one browser on one device.** Starting on your phone and finishing on a computer means starting over. A private/incognito window may not keep your draft if you close it.
- **Clearing your browser's data** (history, site data) also erases a report in progress.
- **The Spanish text is machine-translated** and hasn't been reviewed by a native speaker yet.
- **The narrative** is limited to the 9 lines of the printed form.
- **Photos**: at most 4 files, 30 MB each.
- **Scanning** a VIN or license barcode needs a camera and your permission; if it won't read, type the numbers in.
- **Filing is by email.** The app prepares the files; you send them, and NDOT's receipt of your email is what matters. The app can't confirm that NDOT received it.

10.3 Getting help

Found a bug, or have an idea that would make this easier? Tap the 🦎 button in the header, or email **sean@badmarinellc.com**.



The feedback button

For questions about your crash, your report's status or your legal obligations, contact the Nebraska Department of Transportation - this app can't help with those.