

Sri Lankan Legal Guide: Actions & Required Documents

1. Car Accident - What to Do?

If you are involved in a car accident in Sri Lanka, follow these steps:

1. Stop the vehicle immediately and check for injuries.
2. Call the emergency hotline (119) for police assistance.
3. If there are injuries, call 1990 for an ambulance.
4. Do not move the vehicle unless required for safety.
5. Exchange details with the other driver (Name, NIC, License, Insurance).
6. Take photos and collect witness statements.
7. Visit the nearest police station and file an accident report.
8. Contact your insurance provider for claims processing.

Required Documents:

- Police accident report
- Driver's license
- National Identity Card (NIC)
- Vehicle insurance details
- Medical reports (if injuries occurred)
- Witness statements (if available)
- Photographic evidence of the accident

2. Property Disputes with Neighbors

If a neighbor encroaches on your property:

1. Try to resolve it amicably through discussion.
2. Refer to your property deed and survey plan.
3. If unresolved, file a complaint with the local municipal council.
4. Seek legal advice and issue a legal notice if necessary.
5. If the dispute persists, file a case in the District Court.

Required Documents:

- Property deed (Title Deed)
- Land survey report
- NIC of both parties
- Complaint filed at the municipal council (if applicable)
- Any previous agreements or ownership proof
- Legal notice (if already sent)

3. Divorce Process in Sri Lanka

To file for divorce in Sri Lanka, follow these steps:

1. Grounds for divorce include adultery, cruelty, or separation for 2+ years.
2. Consult a lawyer to file a divorce petition in the District Court.
3. Attend court hearings and provide evidence.
4. If both parties agree, a mutual settlement can speed up the process.
5. The court will issue a decree nisi, followed by a decree absolute.

Required Documents:

- Marriage certificate
- National Identity Card (NIC)
- Birth certificates of children (if applicable)
- Evidence for grounds of divorce (messages, witness statements, etc.)
- Financial statements (for alimony/child support cases)
- Previous court orders (if any)