



EV ACCIDENT SCENE QUICK CHECK

TOW TRUCK DRIVER SAFETY GUIDE



PAUSE • CHECK • SCORE • ACT

YOUR SAFETY COMES FIRST – A FEW SECONDS OF CHECKING CAN PREVENT FIRE, INJURY AND MAJOR DAMAGE.

RULE ZERO



Keep 5–10m
distance first



Look first
then approach



DO NOT rush
to hook and tow

60-SECOND VISUAL CHECKLIST YES = ADD POINTS

	FIRE / HEAT SIGNS - Smoke coming from vehicle? - Burning or chemical smell? - Heat coming from under the car? YES / NO ☐	+5 POINTS
	BATTERY AREA DAMAGE - Big impact underneath the vehicle? - Battery area dented, torn or punctured? - Debris stuck under the car? YES / NO ☐	+4 POINTS
	ELECTRICAL WARNING SIGNS - Dashboard showing red warnings? - Car behaving strangely (lights flickering, won't shut off)? - Exposed orange cables visible? YES / NO ☐	+3 POINTS
	FLUID LEAKS (NOT NORMAL OIL/WATER) - Unusual fluid leaking from middle of car? - Strong chemical smell with liquid? YES / NO ☐	+3 POINTS
	FLOOD EXPOSURE Vehicle in water or flood? YES / NO ☐	+5 POINTS
	SEVERE CRASH Airbags deployed AND heavy damage to the vehicle? YES / NO ☐	+2 POINTS

SCORE YOUR TOTAL

TOTAL POINTS

RISK RESULT – WHAT TO DO

**0 – 2 POINTS
LOW RISK**



- Safe to tow normally
- Still avoid dragging underbody

**3 – 6 POINTS
CAUTION**



- Tow with care
- Avoid lifting from battery area
- Inform workshop: “EV – needs inspection”
- Do not store tightly packed with other cars

**7 – 10 POINTS
HIGH RISK**



- Use flatbed only
- Keep distance from other vehicles
- Inform workshop BEFORE arrival
- No indoor storage on arrival

**11+ POINTS
OR ANY FIRE SIGNS
CRITICAL**



- DO NOT PROCEED NORMALLY**
- Keep distance
- Call emergency services if needed
- If already loaded – isolate vehicle

TOWING INSTRUCTIONS



DO

- Use flatbed trucks
- Secure using approved lifting points
- Keep windows open if safe (venting)
- Park vehicle away from others after drop-off



DON'T

- Drag the vehicle if battery area damaged
- Store inside immediately
- Charge the vehicle
- Let untrained people inspect it



**WHEN UNSURE – TREAT AS HIGH RISK.
BETTER A DELAY THAN A FIRE.**

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