

IN CASE OF COLLISION...

First and foremost – don't panic! Here are the six essential steps you should take if you are involved in a car accident.



9-1-1

1

SAFETY FIRST

Check yourself, your passengers, the other driver, and anyone else involved for injuries. If any injury seems serious enough to warrant medical attention, immediately dial 9-1-1. Then move yourselves (as well as the vehicles involved, if drivable) to a safe place, such as the emergency lane or a side road.



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ALERT LAW ENFORCEMENT

No matter how minor the accident, always call the police. If for some reason they are not able to come and take charge of the scene, you should still file a report with the local police department as soon as possible after the crash. (TIP: Never discuss with the police your opinion as to who may be at fault.)

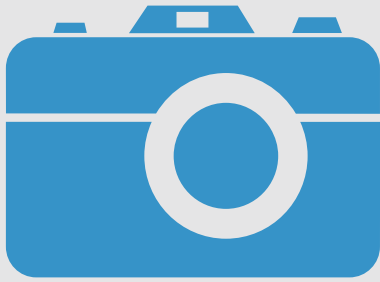


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EXCHANGE DRIVER INFO

Exchange with the other driver all pertinent personal information, including:

- Names, addresses, emails, and phone numbers
- Year, make, and model of the vehicles involved
- VIN and license plate numbers
- Respective insurance carriers & policy numbers



4

DOCUMENT THE SCENE

It is vital that you document the crash in as much detail as possible. Take photos of the damaged vehicles (from multiple angles) as well as the surrounding locale. If there are witness, ask for their names and contact info, in case the police or the insurance carriers want statements from them.



5

NOTIFY YOUR INSURER

To get the claims process underway in a timely manner, contact your car insurance company or agent as soon as practical. Share with them all vehicle and driver info, and any documentation you have compiled. (TIP: Keep proof of insurance in your vehicle at all times. It's the law.)



6

GET YOUR CAR REPAIRED

Obviously you would like the vehicle to be restored to good-as-new condition as quickly as you can. Even if the damage seems very minor, do not put it off! A qualified body shop can tell you whether the surface damage conceals more serious damage under the hood that can compromise your safety.



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