

# 7 THINGS TO DO IMMEDIATELY AFTER AN ACCIDENT



## 1 SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION

Seek medical attention **immediately** if you have been hurt.

**!** Don't shrug off your injuries or wait too long. Call 9-1-1 at the accident scene if injuries are very severe.



## 2 CALL THE POLICE

Call the police and inform them of the accident.

When the officer arrives, tell the truth about how the accident occurred.

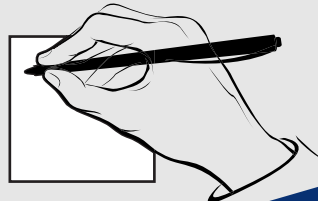


**!** Don't try to embellish or exaggerate the facts.

## 3 GET INSURANCE INFORMATION

Copy down all insurance and drivers license information with all other drivers.

**!** Be polite. Also write down the license plate numbers of all vehicles involved.



## 4 GET CONTACT INFORMATION



Obtain the investigating officers contact information. Also write down the names, addresses, and phone numbers of all witnesses.

**!** Don't forget to turn on your hazard lights while your vehicles are pulled over to the side.

## 5 TAKE PICTURES

Take pictures of your vehicle before it is towed away, or before any repairs are done to fix the damage.

**!** Try to take photos of the accident scene before your vehicles are moved if you can safely do so.



## 6 CALL THE INSURANCE COMPANIES

Call your insurance company and let them know what has happened. File a claim as soon as possible. Also, notify the other drivers insurance carrier of the accident.

**!** Decline a recorded statement until you can provide one with your attorney present if you plan on getting legal advice.



## 7 PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS

Contact an attorney as soon as possible if you think you need legal representation or have any questions. Your attorney can assess the situation and make sure that all the facts and information that are important to your case are collected and documented appropriately.

**!** Personal injury law firms typically do free consultations. If you are unsure of how to proceed with your case, contact an attorney.



If you have been involved in a car accident, contact us today to see how we can help.



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