

QUICK GUIDE

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS

- First, remain calm and stop your vehicle (the law requires you to do so).
- Call the police or request or ensure that another has summoned the police.
- If you or any passenger in your vehicle is seriously injured, do not move, remain in your vehicle if you can do so safely. If your injuries do not prevent you from exiting the vehicle, do so and move to a safe location off the roadway.
- Never admit fault or adopt another's version of the auto accident.
- Note the identity of any person claiming to have witnessed the accident.
- Cooperate fully with the police and other emergency responders who arrive at the scene. Absent injuries or police response you are required to exchange information with the operator(s) of other vehicle(s) involved.
- Make notes of the time of occurrence, specific location, description of other vehicles involved, including license plates, weather conditions and roadway conditions.
- If you have a camera available, photograph the scene as well as damage or any defect (pot holes, missing signs, defective traffic lights) which may have contributed to the accident.
- Ensure that your account, your passengers account or any witnesses account are given to the police and included in the police report.
- Seek immediate medical attention for your injuries. Often insurance companies will disclaim responsibility for injuries when they are not properly reported, documented or treated.

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