

Five Steps To Take After An Auto Accident

Step One: GET MEDICAL HELP

Seek medical attention, if even if there are no serious visible injuries. It is important to do this as soon as possible. Sometimes even serious personal injuries do not manifest symptoms until days after the car accident.

Step Two: NOTIFY THE POLICE

It's very important that an accident report is compiled. Gather the names and/or badge numbers of police officers and paramedics on the scene. Ask the officer where and when you can get a copy of the accident report.

Step Three: GATHER INFORMATION

Write down the following information of the people involved:

- Name
- Address
- Phone number & Email address
- Make, model and year of the car
- License plate number
- Insurance carrier & Insurance policy number

Take these photos, if you can:

- Damage to your vehicle
- Accident location
- People involved with the accident

If a witness leaves the scene, you should make a note of his or her license plate number.

Step Four: MAKE NOTES

Make your own notes and diagrams about the accident. Try to recall details such as the speed of your car and the chain of events leading up to the car crash. Make notes of traffic conditions, weather, time of day, and any objects such as traffic lights and signs that might be in the area.

Step Five: NOTIFY YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY

Per your agreement with your insurance company you may be required to call your insurance company immediately following an accident. Upon doing so, you will likely be contacted by your claims representative within 24 hours to discuss the details of your claim.

REMEMBER...

NEVER give a recorded statement or accept an insurance settlement without **FIRST** consulting with an attorney.

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