

Car accidents are devastating. Many victims are disorientated after an auto accident. In most cases, there is noticeable damage to the vehicles involved. Sadly, there may also be serious or fatal injuries to those involved.

5 Steps to Take After a Car Accident

1. Write down the other driver's (and their passengers') name, address, date of birth, phone number, driver's license number, and insurance company name & policy number.
2. Record the other car's make, model, year, license plate number and expiration date, and vehicle identification number.
3. Jot down names, addresses, and phone numbers of any witnesses to the accident.
4. Ask and record the name and badge number of assisting police officer.
5. Sketch a brief picture of the accident including skid marks and landmarks. Include where each car was positioned before, during, and after the accident. Note the weather, traffic, and road conditions as well.

It's important that you gather important information from all parties involved in the accident. Try to keep a camera and notebook handy for just the situation.

When is the Right Time to Contact a Lawyer After an Auto Accident?

You should immediately seek legal help if there are any injuries or deaths, especially if there are permanent injuries sustained. If injuries cause you to miss time from work, school or household duties, you should also seek a [Dallas car accident attorney](#) to represent you in court.