

# Car, Truck & Motorcycle Accident Checklist

## Immediately After the Accident

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- Assess your immediate safety.
- Stay in your car if you have an injury or if moving may put you at risk of injury.
- Call for medical attention, if required.
- If your car is obstructing traffic or creating a safety hazard, move to a safe location.
- Do not leave the scene of the accident.

## Once You Are Out Of Harm's Way

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- Call the local police department; follow any instructions the police provide.
- Call your insurance company; follow any instructions given to you by your insurance agent.
- Exchange name and insurance information with other drivers involved in the accident and document their license plate and driver's license numbers.
- Be kind and courteous, but do not admit fault to anyone.

## Witnesses

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- If you are able to, identify witnesses and record their contact information, including name, address and telephone number.

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## Take Pictures With Camera or Smartphone

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- If the accident area is safe, take pictures of the accident scene and surrounding area, including photos of:
  - The license plates of all vehicles involved in the accident.
  - Damage to your vehicle and all other vehicles.
  - Damage to surrounding property, including accident debris, skid marks or signage.
  - Any factors that may have contributed to the accident, such as fallen branches, road debris, obstructed street signs or broken traffic lights.

## Document The Accident

### (once you are at home after any initial medical treatment)

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- Write down exactly what happened from your point of view and include information on these specific details:
  - The time and date of the accident.
  - A detailed description of what happened, any injuries or damage.
  - The weather and traffic conditions at the time of the accident.
  - Details of police or emergency involvement, including the names of officers, insurance agents or first responders.

## Call An Experienced Personal Injury Attorney

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- Once you feel safe, call a personal injury attorney.
- An experienced attorney will begin to compile evidence immediately on your behalf.

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