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# CAR ACCIDENT CHECKLIST - KEEP THIS CHECKLIST IN YOUR GLOVE COMPARTMENT

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## AFTER A CAR CRASH:

- Call the Police, by dialing 911. If you are unable, ask someone nearby to call.
- Ask for an ambulance if you or anyone else appears to be injured.
- Do not leave the scene of the crash.
- Do not move your vehicle or accident debris until directed to do so by a police officer (unless your vehicle is creating the potential for another accident)
- Do not admit fault
- Do not comment to anyone at the scene about whether or not you are injured. Some injuries do not become evident immediately.
- Do not speak with an insurance adjuster at the scene.



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**DO:**



Seek immediate medical attention and evaluation at an emergency room. Adrenaline can keep you from feeling pain, so you should be evaluated, even if you do not feel immediate pain. Head and spine symptoms in particular should be evaluated immediately.



Photograph or video the crashed vehicles and the scene. Include any skid marks. If you are not able to do this, ask a bystander, passenger, or police officer to take the photos and video. Do not walk into traffic while doing this.



Carefully answer the police officer's questions and provide the officer any written statements or drawings that the officer requests. (Remember, what you write and draw will be scrutinized closely later, and could later be evidence in court)



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- If you observe that any other driver appears to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, point this out to the police officer
- Take a photo of the driver's license and proof of insurance card of all other drivers involved in the crash
- Write down the name, phone number, and address of all witnesses at the scene. If you are not able to do this, ask someone nearby to do it



## WITNESSES

Name:  
Phone:  
Address:

Name:  
Phone:  
Address:

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