

Description of Accident:

Statements By Others:

Diagram:

What To Do If Involved ⁱⁿ an Auto Accident



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NOTE: If your accident involves a **HIT AND RUN DRIVER**, for your safety, it is not recommended that you chase the vehicle. Document, if possible, the license plate and a description of the vehicle (make, model, color, and any distinguishing markings or stickers) and a description of the driver. **YOU MUST REPORT THE ACCIDENT TO POLICE WITHIN 24 HOURS OR YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY MAY REJECT THE CLAIM.**

REMEMBER: CLAIMS MUST BE REPORTED TO INSURANCE COMPANY WITHIN 30 DAYS (SOMETIMES LESS). ALWAYS CHECK YOUR INSURANCE POLICY FOR REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN IN AN ACCIDENT

- **REMAIN CALM/REGAIN COMPOSURE**
(Make sure it is safe and clear before exiting vehicle and don't stand between vehicles)
- **YOU OR SOMEONE AT SCENE SHOULD CONTACT THE POLICE - DIAL 911**
(Write down name, district, badge number and incident report number - BE SURE REPORT IS FILED AND CHECK FOR ACCURACY)
- **EXCHANGE AND DOCUMENT INFORMATION (SEE NOTE ON BACK PAGE FOR HIT AND RUN)**
Driver's License, Owner's Card & Insurance Card
- **DO NOT MAKE STATEMENTS ABOUT HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED TO OTHERS**
- **DO NOT RAMBLE WHEN TALKING TO POLICE**
("Maybe I didn't signal, but ..." or "I'm not sure what color the light was, but..." will hurt you)
- **WRITE DOWN ALL PASSENGER INFORMATION**
- **WRITE DOWN WITNESS INFORMATION**
(Write down name, address, phone number exactly what they saw, where they were located and be sure they had an unobstructed view)
- **WRITE DOWN STATEMENTS MADE BY OTHER DRIVERS - BE AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE**
- **DRAW DIAGRAM OF ACCIDENT**
(Be sure to document number of lanes, traffic control devices, position of vehicles at point of impact and position of vehicles at point of rest)
- **DOCUMENT DAMAGE - TO BOTH PROPERTY AND PERSONS: TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF VEHICLES, SCENE AND INJURIES**
(Include damage to all vehicles, location of vehicles, debris, and markings on roadway, general scene of accident, and any visible injuries)
- **SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION - EXPLAIN ALL COMPLAINTS, INJURIES AND PAST HISTORY**
- **CONTACT YOUR LAWYER - A S A P**
(The firm of POLLACKSTEINBERG,LLP always provides free consultations, will make home or hospital visits, and will properly report the claim to your insurance company)

1. THE ACCIDENT:

Date _____ Time _____

Location _____

** Write Description of Accident and Draw Diagram on Back Page of Brochure

2. DRIVERS: (If more than one, document for each)

Other Driver's Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Operator # _____ State _____

3. CAR & INSURANCE: (Document for Each)

Other Vehicle Make _____ Year _____

Model _____ Color _____

License Plate # _____

Vehicle ID# (Owner's Card) _____

Owner's Name _____

Owner's Address _____

Damage to Vehicle _____

Insurance Co. _____

Policy # _____

Effective Dates _____

Name of Insured _____

Address of Insured _____

Insured Vehicle _____

4. PASSENGERS/WITNESSES: (Indicate P or W)

(Get Name, Address & Phone # for each)

5. POLICE:

Name(s): _____

Badge # _____ Incident # _____

District/Station With Address _____
