

Accident Information

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Time Accident Occurred _____

Location _____

Weather Conditions _____

Description of Accident _____

Diagram

Use one of the diagrams below to show how the accident occurred. Indicate your vehicle with the number "1" and the others with the number "2", etc.



Police Officer _____
Badge No. _____ Department _____

Witnesses

Name _____

Address _____

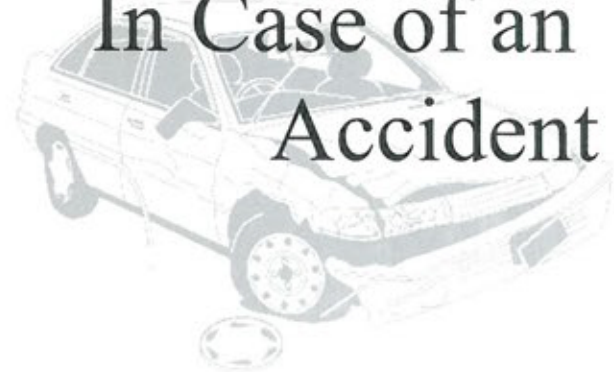
Phone _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

What to Do In Case of an Accident



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5 STEPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF OR YOUR LOVED ONES

Every year thousands of people are involved in motor vehicle accidents, ranging from minor "fender benders" to tragic fatal collisions. Even minor accidents can be disruptive and create financial, insurance and legal problems. If you or a loved one are involved in a motor vehicle accident, here are things you can do to help.

AT THE SCENE

1. HELP the injured. Call 911 if the accident is serious. Move the vehicles to a safe area, if possible. Get everyone away from traffic. Do NOT move anyone who is unconscious or seriously hurt, unless they are in immediate danger. Raise the hoods of vehicles to signal other motorists.

2. EXCHANGE information. Use the enclosed "Information Forms" to record names, phone numbers, insurance information and the vehicle license number for all drivers and vehicles. Ask the other drivers for the following documents: 1) Evidence of Insurance form; 2) Vehicle Registration, and 3) Driver's License. Write down the names that appear on these documents. Fill out an "Information Form" yourself and give it to the other driver(s). If the police or CHP are involved, write down the responding agency, officer's name, badge number and report number. If you have a camera, take pictures of all damage. **Note: If you are unable to obtain information at the scene (due to serious injuries or other reasons) contact the police or an attorney to obtain important information.**

WITHIN 10 DAYS

3. ARRANGE medical care. Often, medical care is more effective soon after the injuries occur. Delaying initial, or follow up, treatment may prolong discomfort and recovery. Serious injuries may require coordination and approvals of multiple insurance and medical groups.

4. REPORT the accident. Regardless of who was at fault, California law requires written notice to the DMV within 10 days if anyone is killed, injured or property damage exceeds \$750.00. Many insurance companies require prompt notice of claims as part of their policy. Ask your insurance carrier if they will file the proper DMV form on your behalf.

BEFORE SIGNING ANYTHING

5. TALK to a lawyer. Before you agree to or sign anything, discuss your rights and responsibilities with an experienced lawyer. The other driver's insurance company (which is not required to treat you fairly) may pressure you to make important decisions before you get legal advice. Some insurance companies routinely ask injured people to give them unlimited access to private medical and employment records! DO NOT release your private records or your vehicle (which may be critical evidence), sign anything, give a statement to insurance companies, or make any decisions before you get legal advice from a licensed, experienced attorney. **For fatal or serious injury accidents, ask a trusted relative or friend to contact a lawyer immediately.**