

WHAT TO DO AFTER A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

If you've been in a car accident, there are some important steps to take to ensure your safety and simplify the process of receiving the compensation to which you are entitled.



STEP 1: Call 911.

The first step you should take after an accident is to call 911. Depending on the type of accident, you may need immediate medical assistance. Emergency dispatchers can send an ambulance your way. You should also report your accident to the police, and calling 911 can get that process started.



STEP 2: Get documentation.

Get pictures of the accident—both of your car and any other cars involved. Exchange contact and insurance information with any other driver(s) involved. If you are taken to the emergency room, or to a hospital outside of your regular network, keep track of who is treating you and what they are treating you for.



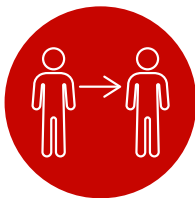
STEP 3: Alert your auto insurance.

Most automotive insurance companies require quick notice after a car accident. Do not delay on informing them that you have been in an accident.



STEP 4: Contact a personal injury attorney.

Personal injury attorneys can help alleviate the stress of contacting other parties involved and dealing with insurance companies. Attorneys can inform you of your rights, direct you through mediation, negotiate a fair settlement for your injuries with insurance adjusters, or file a lawsuit on your behalf.



STEP 5: Direct insurance adjusters to your attorney.

Insurance adjusters may call and ask how you are doing, and it's important to direct them to your attorney when you receive these kinds of calls. They may sound polite, but they may use any information you give them to lessen the amount of compensation you receive for the accident.

In difficult times, we're here to help.

Car accidents can be stressful and life-altering. Contact us with any questions or to receive a free personal injury consultation.

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