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The Complete Guide to What You Need to Do After a Car Accident

Over 15,000 car crashes happen every year in Colorado because of distracted drivers, and records show that there are over 6 million car accidents every year in the United States. Debbie Taussig Law would like to take the stress and emotional turmoil out of the equation by giving you this complete guide to what to do after a car crash.



At the Scene

1

Check and assess yourself and your passengers for injuries and any immediate medical needs. Call an ambulance if needed.

Look for obvious signs of injury but also check for signs of whiplash, neck or back soreness, and dizziness.

2

Move your vehicle only if it is necessary to keep yourself and others safe.

If there are injuries, do not move your vehicle. If there are no obvious injuries, and it is safe to do so, carefully move your car to the side of the road. Turn on your hazard lights to alert traffic to your vehicle.

3

Call 9-1-1.

When you call 9-1-1, be prepared to tell the dispatcher your name and the city, street name, nearest house number, mile marker, and travel direction to help them find you quickly. Don't hang up until the dispatcher indicates that it is ok to do so.

4

Get medical attention from the paramedics and go to the hospital if needed.

While you may not feel your injuries immediately, we recommend getting checked out by a paramedic. If the paramedic suggests going to the hospital or seeking follow-up treatment, it is best to follow their advice.



5

Document or take photos of the following information:

- Other motorist's driver's license information
- Other motorist's license plate
- Other motorist's vehicle's make, model, year, and color
- Other motorist's insurance information
- Time, date, and location of the accident
- How the accident happened
- Details from just before the accident
- What happened immediately after the accident
- What did the other driver say
- Contact information of witnesses
- Police officer's name and badge information

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Take pictures of all vehicles from all angles.



Photograph internal and external damage to your vehicle. Photograph other evidence, such as skid marks and damage to another object. Take more pictures than you think are necessary.

When you are in a car collision, some of the most important steps you will take will happen after you leave the scene of the collision.



After Leaving the Scene

1

Seek medical attention and follow all the advice from the medical providers.

Injuries can sometimes become noticeable a few hours or days after a collision. Seek medical care at the first sign of discomfort. If the doctor prescribes medicine, fill the prescription promptly. If the doctor recommends follow-up appointments or physical therapy, follow the doctor's recommendation.

2

Call your own insurance company.

Even if the other driver is at fault, you must still contact your own insurance company and report any damages or injuries. Before you give an official statement to your insurance company, make sure you understand your coverage. Take notes on what you tell your insurance company and what they tell you.

3

Limit your interaction with the other driver's insurance company.

You may talk to the other driver's insurance company about the damage to your car and arrange to get your car fixed, but do NOT discuss your injuries or the accident until you talk to an experienced car collision attorney. The insurance company may try to pressure you into accepting an unfair settlement that would be less than what you need to heal fully. The insurance company has one goal...to protect their profits.

4

Do not post details about your injuries or the accident on social media.

Social media posts can be used to contradict your claim. Even if your account is set to a "private" setting, a court can order you to show your social media posts.

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