

What to do if you are involved in an automobile accident:

Immediately after the accident:

- Check for injuries; call an ambulance when in doubt.
- Turn off your vehicle and turn on your vehicle's hazard lights for safety.
- Call the police, even if the accident is minor.
- Make immediate notes about the accident, including specific damages to all vehicles involved, witness information, etc. – take photographs or video if possible.
- Get the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all witnesses.
- Do not sign any document unless it's for the police.
- State only the facts, and limit your discussion of the accident to the police.
- Notify your insurance company of the accident.
- Do not delay receiving medical attention. Waiting even a day after an automobile accident appears suspicious to insurance companies.

According to the NHTSA's National Center for Statistics and Analysis, one person dies as a result of an automobile accident every twelve minutes, and there is an accident resulting in injury or property loss every twelve seconds. If you or loved ones are involved in an automobile accident, call me immediately to discuss your case.

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