

What to Do after a Car Accident

You will never be "ready" for a car accident, but you can be prepared.

Keep the following items in your car in case of a crash:

- A first aid kit
- Vehicle registration
- Emergency contacts
- Health insurance card(s)
- Charged cellular phone

Immediately after an accident, remain calm, and take action.

Take the following steps, if possible to do so:

- Call 9-1-1 to report the accident even if it is minor
- Turn on your hazard lights
- Move the vehicle from traffic, or wait for back-up
- Set up warning triangles or flares

Collect evidence to protect your legal rights to compensation.

If you are physically able, document the drivers and scene:

- Take photos
- Take notes on date, time, weather, road conditions, etc.
- Collect witness names and phone numbers
- Obtain a copy of the Driver Exchange form from police

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