

Post Motor Vehicle Accident

Motor Vehicle Accidents can be a scary situation for anyone, especially if you have never been in an accident before. The below checklist is a way to help you ensure that the process runs smoothly and consistently. Remain Calm. Breathe, and take an inventory of your physical and mental condition. ☐ If you or your passengers are not seriously injured get out of the vehicle and move to a safe location, e.g., roadside or median as far away from moving traffic as practical. Avoid moving anyone who appears to have, or indicates they have a serious injury unless they are in immediate danger by staying in the vehicle. ☐ Call 9-1-1 if anyone is injured, or the vehicles are blocking the roadway. If there are no injuries or obstructed traffic, use the area's non-emergency number to report the accident: ☐ Call your manager or _______ to report the accident. ☐ Do not discuss blame or accept fault when speaking with the other parties. Pay attention to the body language of the other party and keep a safe distance. Document everything: Photos of crash Photos of areas beyond the crash Speed Time of day Weather Description or drawing of how the accident occurred Vehicles involved and license plates Image Source: iStock Other parties' name(s), addresses, phone, and insurance information Contact information for any witnesses Any other pertinent information Get information from the responding law enforcement officer(s) for obtaining the police report. Note: Some states have a monetary threshold and if this is not crossed, then a report will not be available. In some jurisdictions, police may only respond to accidents that occur on public roadways. Cooperate and support the organizational investigation process. For non-life-threatening injuries, advise your supervisor and follow instruction for seeking medical care. If



applicable, follow post-accident drug screening protocol.



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VEHICLE ACCIDENT INVENTORY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Must Haves:

- □ Vehicle's Registration Card
- Auto Insurance Information
- ☐ Contact Information for Reporting Purposes
- Accident Report Forms for Collecting Information
- ☐ Triangle Reflector Kit or Road Flares
- ☐ First Aid Kit
- ☐ Fire Extinguisher
- ☐ Vehicle Escape Tool

Optional, but recommended:

- Blanket
- Bottled Water
- Jumper Cables
- Non-Perishable Food
- Flashlight
- □ Backup Batteries/Battery Charger
- ☐ Poncho/Warm Clothes
- Objects dependent upon time of year and area being traveled



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