

# What To Do If You've Been in an Accident

When an accident occurs, it leaves everyone involved nervous and confused. Following these critical steps can make a real difference in getting the results you need.

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## Eight Critical Steps

**1 ASSESS YOURSELF AND  
THE SITUATION**  
Are you or any of your passengers  
injured?

**2 CALL 9-1-1 & REQUEST  
POLICE TO THE SCENE**

If there is even the slightest possibility of injury, request an ambulance, as well. You will most likely be in shock after you have been in an accident and may not realize the extent of your injuries, but it is important to seek medical attention. Often times, injuries do not surface until days after an accident. Even if an ambulance is not required on the scene, it is recommended you get checked out in the emergency room.

**3 ENSURE YOUR SAFETY**

If the accident is minor and no one is injured, you should move your vehicle out of traffic and to a safe location in close proximity to the scene. If there are injuries but the vehicles are not in harm's way, do not move the vehicles and wait for the police. If you or your passenger(s) are injured, stay in your car and wait for the paramedics to arrive.

**4 DON'T DISCUSS THE  
CRASH WITH THE  
OTHER DRIVER**

Do not apologize or admit fault. Importantly, do not provide a formal statement without speaking first to your attorney.

## After An Accident

**5 CONTACT A QUALIFIED  
PERSONAL INJURY  
ATTORNEY**

If you believe the other driver is at fault and you have sustained injuries. Your lawyer will work with you so that you can receive the settlement you are entitled to, as opposed to what the insurance companies will try to settle for, which will always be less.

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**6 OBTAIN WITNESS'S  
CONTACT  
INFORMATION**

Also, take note of where the accident occurred, including nearby landmarks and cross-streets.

**7 TAKE PHOTOS,  
IF YOU CAN**

In some cases, photos are the only way to provide the evidence you need to support your claim.

**8 STAY OFF  
SOCIAL MEDIA**

It is critical that you avoid posting, sharing or commenting on even unrelated topics until your Attorney advises otherwise. Social Media can destroy even the strongest of cases, as insurance companies will attempt to use even the most innocent of comments to raise doubt about the extent of your injuries and the validity of your claim.