

# WHAT TO DO AFTER AN ACCIDENT



## AT THE SCENE

### → DO

- Make sure you and others are safe:
  - Pull off the road.
  - Take care of anyone who needs medical treatment – call 911.
- Call the police to create an accident report.
- Gather evidence: multiple photos, insurance information, contact information, notes on what happened.
- Call your own tow company and have your car towed to a trusted location.

### ⊘ DON'T

- Don't make statements about who was at fault. Be calm, respectful, and compassionate, but avoid language like "my fault," or "I'm sorry about what I did."
- Don't decline medical treatment at the scene – have the paramedics check you over even if you don't think you're injured.
- Don't leave without talking to police to provide your version of events. Ask for their contact info and the police report number.

## AFTER THE INCIDENT

### → DO

- See a physician as soon as possible for a complete check-up, to avoid a treatment gap that might harm your claim.
- File an SR-1 form with the DMV within 10 days if anyone was injured or killed, or property damage exceeding \$1000.
- Obtain a copy of the police report and check it for accuracy.
- Call your insurance company to report the accident.
- Call TorkLaw at 888-845-9696 if you have a personal injury claim or are experiencing any problems.

### ⊘ DON'T

- Don't repair your car until you determine whether you need the services of an accident reconstruction expert.
- Don't post anything on social media about your accident or injuries – you may want to stay off social media entirely until your case is resolved.
- Don't agree to be recorded by the insurance company, or make any statements without your attorney's advice.
- Don't sign anything or agree to a settlement without your attorney's advice.

# TORKLAW - Accident Checklist

<b>Accident Information:</b> Date: Time: Location/address:	<b>What happened?</b>
<b>Information about the other driver</b> Name: Home address: Phone # (mobile, home, work):  Email: Driver's license #: Auto insurance carrier: Policy #: Policy coverage:	<b>Information about the other vehicle</b> Make (i.e., Ford, Toyota, etc.): Model (i.e., Mustang, Prius): Year of manufacture: Color or unique features: License plate #: Vehicle Identification Number: Vehicle owner's name and contact info (if different from driver):
<b>Police officer's information:</b> Name: Badge #: City/precinct: Police report #:	<b>Witness #1</b> Name: Phone #: Email: Comments:
<b>Witness #2</b> Name: Phone #: Email: Comments:	<b>Witness #3</b> Name: Phone #: Email: Comments:
<b>Witness #4</b> Name: Phone #: Email: Comments:	<b>To do:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Get to a safe place.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Check for injury &amp; get medical attention.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Call the police if there is significant damage or injury.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Take photos of driver, vehicles, damage, skid marks, location, anything that seems relevant.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Create an auto accident diagram on back.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule appointment with doctor.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Call TorkLaw at 888-845-9696 for a free copy of police report and free case consultation.</b></li></ul>