

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.