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## ATTORNEYS Car Accident Tip Sheet

### **1 Call 911.**

After a car accident, immediately call the police. They are trained to investigate car crashes and will provide a report for your insurance agent so fault can be determined. Give police your information so it can be included in the police report.

### **2 Seek Medical Attention.**

Even if you do not believe you have been injured, you should go to a doctor to be evaluated for potential injuries. It is very common for people involved in a car crash not to experience pain from their injuries until hours or even days after the accident happens.

### **3 Take Detailed Notes and Photos.**

If you are able, take photographs of the crash scene and take notes of what occurred to help you remember the details of the accident. The police won't always take photographs, so any photographs you take can help your case. Also, look to see if there appear to be any traffic cameras at the crash scene or any businesses nearby that have security cameras that may have caught the accident on tape. Recorded video footage of an accident is the best possible evidence.

### **4 Collect Contact Information and Insurance Information From All Parties Involved.**

This information will be included in the accident report that the police prepare, but that report is usually not available for several days or weeks. Collecting this information yourself will help you get the insurance process started.

### **5 Collect Names and Contact Information of Witnesses.**

Witnesses are valuable to your case. Get their names and contact information. Let them know you appreciate their cooperation.

### **6 Call Your Lawyer.**

An experienced personal injury lawyer can advise you of your rights and will help you determine if you need to file a lawsuit. They can also help you with the process of filing with the insurance companies.

### **7 Keep Receipts for Accident Related Medications or Healthcare Expenses.**

If you go to the emergency room, hospital or doctor, keep all receipts for any expenses including prescription and over the counter medicine. This information will support your claim.

### **8 Keep Track of All Out-of-Pocket Expenses for Medical Appointments.**

Any expenses resulting from the crash should be documented. Keep good records of your doctor's visits and treatment. Your medical expenses will include time spent driving to and from doctor appointments.

### **9 Create a File for Paperwork That You Receive From Your Doctor.**

If you are injured, you will receive instructions and information from your doctor. Keep this information so you can share it with your attorney.

### **10 Keep a Record of Proof of Financial Losses.**

It is likely that you have had to miss time from your job or other obligations. Keep a record of the time you have spent dealing with this event and what it has cost you financially. As you receive reports from your doctor, keep this information available for your attorney to review.

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