

STEPS AFTER A Car Accident



What Steps To Take After a Car Accident – Your 8-Step Legal & Safety Guide



If you've been involved in a car accident, you're not alone: A serious crash can happen to anyone. No matter how responsible you are, a reckless driver can leave you with life-changing injuries and an uncertain future.

Knowing what to do after an accident can help protect your well-being, avoid issues with insurance, and set you up for the strongest possible legal case. Here are some tips on what to do after a car accident.

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Prioritize Safety and Call 911

In the immediate aftermath of a crash, always move to a safe location as soon as possible. Check yourself for injuries, and then check others.

Make sure to call 911, even if you think your injuries are minor. Police reports can be valuable evidence for legal claims and dealing with insurance. Reporting an accident to the police is also legally required in some states, including Arizona and Utah.



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Exchange Information With the Other Driver

Make sure to collect the driver's name, contact information, driver's license number, insurance information, and license plate number. Stay calm and stick to the facts—avoid admitting fault of any kind without consulting a lawyer.

Utah, Idaho, and Arizona generally have consistent information-sharing requirements after auto accidents, requiring drivers to exchange names, contact details, driver's license numbers, insurance information, and vehicle registration details at the scene of the crash.

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Document the Scene and Gather Evidence

Take photos of the vehicles involved and any injuries, as well as the condition of the road, skid marks, or nearby traffic signs if relevant. If possible, taking a video could create additional evidence.

Consider writing down a brief personal description of what happened from your point of view. If there are any nearby witnesses, try to get their names and contact information if they're willing to give statements.

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Seek Medical Attention Promptly

It's important to see a doctor right away after a car accident, even if you don't have any obvious injuries. Some injuries have delayed symptoms, including whiplash, concussions, and other common conditions resulting from crashes. Getting early medical attention can help you avoid more serious complications.

Your medical records will also serve as key evidence for your legal claims. Our team can help you connect with a health care provider if you need assistance.



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Notify Your Insurance Company

Report the accident to your insurance company as soon as possible. However, you should only provide the facts of the situation. Be careful not to speculate or admit fault in any way.

Requirements may vary based on the state you're in, but notifying your insurer early is always important to avoid any exclusions or blame-shifting.

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Don't Discuss the Accident on Social Media

Anything you post on social media, including seemingly harmless photos or statements, can and will be used against you by insurance companies or lawyers for the other party.

Exercise caution and embrace privacy while your claim is pending.

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Keep Records and Save All Related Documents

The more documentation you can gather, the stronger and more credible your claim will be.

Keep track of all records related to the crash, including your medical bills, car repair invoices, and any communications with insurance companies. Consider compiling and organizing your evidence in a digital or physical file so you have it all in one place.

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Contact a Car Accident Lawyer

Getting legal help from an experienced attorney is one of the most important things to do after a car accident. Your lawyer can use their understanding of state-specific laws to help handle paperwork, communicate with insurance companies, and negotiate a settlement to maximize your compensation.

Feller & Wendt, LLC™ has over 70 years of combined experience handling car accident cases across Utah, Idaho, and Arizona. We offer free consultations and work on contingency, which means you won't pay us anything unless we win your case.



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