

**What to do in a Car Accident**

**1. Move to a safe area**

If it's safe to do so, move your car out of further harm's way, like to the shoulder of the road.

If moving your car isn't possible, **turn on the hazard lights** to warn other drivers that your vehicle is stuck. Make sure it's safe to get out of your car before opening the door.

**2. Check on others involved**

Make sure no one is hurt. Call 911 if anyone may be injured. Even a seemingly minor symptom like dizziness should be checked out by a health care professional.

**3. Call the police to the scene**

Even in minor accidents a police report is important when dealing with your car insurance company and other drivers. Cooperate fully, but **do not admit fault** while at the scene.

Let the police objectively judge events and determine who, if anyone, is at fault in the crash.

**4. Gather information**

Try to write down as much info as possible in the accident aftermath, including:

* Driver and passenger names
* License plate numbers
* Other driver’s Insurance info
* Makes and models of all vehicles involved
* Contact info for any eyewitnesses
* Location of the accident
* The name and badge number of any responding police officers

**5. Document the scene**

If you have a phone with a camera, snap some photos of the accident scene.

**6. File an insurance claim**