

AFTER A CRASH: QUICK ACTION CHECKLIST

Protect people first. Then notify, exchange, and document.

Immediate danger: Call 911 for injuries, fire or smoke, leaking fuel, a blocked travel lane, a hit-and-run, or any situation that feels unsafe.

PROTECT PEOPLE AND PREVENT ANOTHER CRASH

- ☐ **Stop and stay.** Remain at or near the scene. Do not leave until permitted by law enforcement or applicable law.
- ☐ **Make the scene visible.** Turn on hazard lights. Watch approaching traffic and avoid standing between or immediately beside vehicles.
- ☐ **Move only when appropriate.** If the vehicles are operable, no one appears seriously injured, and local law allows it, move out of active traffic to a nearby safe location.
- ☐ **Check for injuries.** Do not move a seriously injured person unless there is immediate danger. Follow the 911 dispatcher's instructions.
- ☐ **Give a precise location.** Report the road, direction of travel, nearest intersection or mile marker, number of vehicles, injuries, and visible hazards.

EXCHANGE AND DOCUMENT

- ☐ **Exchange essential information.** Collect each driver's name, contact information, driver license, license plate, vehicle owner, and insurance details.
- ☐ **Identify witnesses.** Record names and contact information. Note the responding agency, officer name, and report or incident number.
- ☐ **Photograph safely.** Capture vehicle positions, damage, plates, roadway, signs or signals, debris, weather, and any visible injuries - without stepping into traffic.
- ☐ **Stick to observable facts.** Cooperate and answer factually. Do not argue, speculate, or negotiate fault at the roadside.

AFTER THE SCENE

- ☐ **Notify your insurer.** Report the crash promptly and preserve photos, reports, repair estimates, medical records, and related receipts.
- ☐ **Monitor your health.** Seek urgent care for serious symptoms. Some injuries appear later; contact a medical professional if pain or concerning symptoms develop.

Electric or hybrid vehicle warning: If you see smoke, sparks, unusual heat, or leaking battery fluid, move well away, call 911, and tell responders the vehicle is electric or hybrid.