

In Case of a Crash: A Glove Compartment Guide

At the law firm of WOODS & THOMPSON, P.A. we sincerely hope that you and your family will enjoy safe motoring, free from accident. If, however, you do have a collision, there are things that you not only should do to protect yourself, but in some case, must do according to law.

Call 1-(877) 571-2345 for help now!

If You Come Upon A Crash...

SLOW DOWN but do not stop unless you are first on the scene or signaled to stop. If help is already at hand, stopping your car will only further complicate the situation and handicap those who are giving aid.

SAFELY STOP if you are first on the scene and wish to render aid. Park your car well off the roadway and away from the actual accident site.

ACTIVATE HAZARD LIGHT (the four way flashers on your car), and use whatever means are available (flares, flashlight, etc.) to warn approaching traffic of danger in the roadway ahead. IF PERSONAL INJURY or danger to other motorists, send the first available driver to telephone for help.

CONTACT AUTHORITIES either local police, county sheriff or State Patrol by dialing 911. Be prepared to provide an exact location (such as distance from an intersection or milepost number) and an account of injuries.

ACCOUNT FOR OCCUPANTS of all vehicles (as someone may have been thrown from a car), and provide aid and comfort to the injured. Administer first aid ONLY if you are trained and qualified. Do not move injured persons unless they are endangered by traffic, fire or excessive bleeding.

If You Are Involved In A Crash...

YOU MUST STOP if you are involved in a crash, even a minor accident. Pull out of the driving lane and onto the shoulder.

TURN OFF IGNITION to decrease the risk of fire and activate hazard lights to warn other traffic. Protect yourself and the crash scene from further damage.

CALL or SEND FOR HELP immediately if there is a personal injury involved in the crash. The law requires that you employ the quickest means possible in notifying a police agency in case of an injury. If you are qualified, administer first aid to injured persons. If not, do only what you can to make the injured comfortable and safe. State law requires that you render "reasonable" assistance.

SHARE/EXCHANGE INFORMATION with the other driver. You must give your name, address, DOB and the registration number of your vehicle. If requested, you must also show your driver's license and insurance information. This same information must, by law, be provided to any police officer at the scene.

IF ONLY PROPERTY DAMAGE is involved, and all parties agree, it is not necessary to notify the police.

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