

What to do if you have a serious accident

(Keep these instructions in your car)

- **STOP!** *Do not leave the accident scene. Move your car only if necessary for safety until the authorities arrive.*
- **CALL AN AMBULANCE** *if there are injuries.*
- **CALL THE POLICE** *and wait for them. Do not agree with the other party not to call the police. The law requires police to investigate all accidents.*
- **HAVE YOUR LICENSE AND INSURANCE INFORMATION** *ready to give to the police officer.*
- **DO NOT SIGN ANY DOCUMENT** *allowing the ambulance, hospital or any medical provider to bill yours - or the other driver's - auto insurance company. Insist that the ambulance, hospital and any medical providers you are treated for in this accident bill your **health** insurance carrier.*
- **DO NOT ADMIT FAULT!** *Often, under the stress of an accident, you may think you were at fault when you really were not. DO NOT admit fault to the officer, witnesses or other parties.*
- **DO NOT SPEAK TO THE OTHER DRIVER'S INSURANCE COMPANY** *or anyone other than the police about the accident.*
- **GATHER INFORMATION** - *don't trust your memory!*
 - **Measure skid marks by stepping off distances**
 - **Get names, addresses and telephone numbers of witnesses**
 - **Take pictures if possible**
- **CALL YOUR ATTORNEY** *or Brehm Bell at the number below, if you, your family member or anyone has serious injuries after you have called 911 and the situation is under control. Important evidence or information may be lost and your rights compromised without your attorney's advice.*

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