

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE IN A CAR ACCIDENT

1. STOP at the accident scene or as close as possible without needlessly blocking or endangering other traffic. "Hit and run" is a serious traffic crime.
2. CALL 911 if some one is injured in the collision.
3. EXCHANGE INFORMATION with the other driver, passengers in the vehicle, or any injured pedestrian, including your name, drivers license number, license plate number of your vehicle, and your insurance information.
4. WITNESSES. Get the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of any witnesses.
5. TAKE PHOTOS of the scene and vehicles if it is safe to do so.
6. REPORT the collision to your insurance company immediately.
7. REPORT the collision to DMV within 72 hours of the collision if someone is injured, if a car has to be towed, or if the property damage exceeds \$1,500. The form for reporting can be found online at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/Pages/driverid/accidentreport.aspx> or at a DMV office.
8. GET MEDICAL CARE IF NEEDED and follow your doctor's recommendations. If you're not sure if you are injured, it is best to seek medical care. Sometimes serious injuries are not always obvious at first.
9. CALL AN ATTORNEY if you are seriously injured in the collision. You have a right to compensation for your economic losses, including property damage, wage loss, and medical expenses. You also have a right to compensation for your noneconomic injuries, such as pain, suffering, inconvenience, and emotional distress. You can reach one of our attorneys by calling 1-800-783-2434 or 541-484-2434, or on the internet at <http://www.jjlslaw.com>.
10. TAKE PICTURES of your vehicle from several angles showing the damage to the vehicle.
11. TAKE PICTURES of any physical injuries, both immediately after the collision and during the healing process. Make sure the photos are taken in good light and show the injuries in detail. Try to take clear photos.
12. DO NOT give the other driver's insurance company a recorded or written statement regarding the collision and your injuries.
13. DO NOT sign a release of your claim before you are fully aware of all of your economic and noneconomic injuries.

If you have been injured in an accident and have questions about your rights, please give us a call at 541-484-2434 or 800-783-2434.

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