

Information about the accident.

(To be filled in at the scene of the accident)

1. Information About the Other Driver:

Name _____

Address _____

Car license number _____

Make, model (year) and type of car _____

Driver's license number _____

Insurance policy number _____

Name and address of insurance company _____

Statements made, if any, by other driver _____

Any signs of drinking while driving? _____

2. Information About Passengers in Other Car:

Names and addresses _____

3. Information About Witnesses:

Names and address _____

4. Notes on Special Conditions:

Road and weather conditions _____

Positions of both cars following accident:

Your car's position _____

Other car's position _____

Traffic conditions _____

Visible traffic controls (lights, stop signs, etc.) _____

5. Other Pertinent and Helpful Information:

(Could be filled in shortly afterwards)

Accident date, time and location: _____

Road description (type, curve, grade) _____

Conditions just before the accident:

Speed of both cars _____

Direction of both cars _____

Were proper signals made? _____

Were lights burning (if at night)? _____

Was either driver turning? _____

Distance from other car when you first saw it _____

Other facts _____

Give a copy of this pamphlet
to a friend to keep in their car
in case of an accident.

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Even a small automobile accident can be a traumatic experience for those involved. If you've been lucky and have not been in one, you still should be prepared for the possibility and know the right procedure. Following certain steps that you have become familiar with in advance can save you from many legal problems as well as insurance arbitration. Keep a copy of this brochure in your glove compartment so you can review those steps at a time when you might be too shocked or excited to remember them clearly.

Stop immediately

First of all, if there is any damage to property or injury to parties involved, state laws require that you stop immediately at the scene of the accident. Pulling over to avoid obstructing traffic is acceptable.

Help injured persons

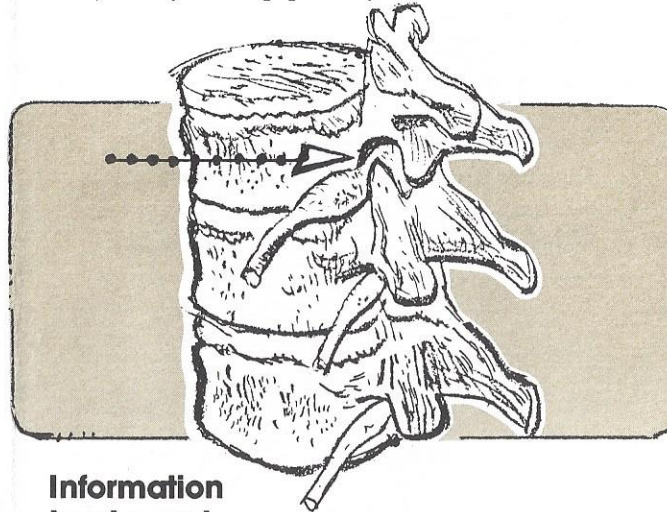
Check to see if anyone is seriously injured and call for an ambulance or doctor if one is needed. Try to stop excessive bleeding, especially if you are trained in first aid, but do not try to move an injured person. Your willingness to help by moving the victim could result in greater injury in some cases.

Prevent further accidents

Ask someone to flag approaching vehicles to alert oncoming drivers of a problem on the road or highway. The scene of your accident could be the site of additional collisions without proper warning. Especially at night it will be necessary to give ample warning. If flares and reflectors are available, by all means use them. A flashlight could also be used as a warning signal.

Contact a law officer

Call the city police, county sheriff or state highway patrol officer, depending on whether you are in the city, the county or on a well-traveled highway. After the preliminaries mentioned above, calling an officer is your top priority.



Information to give out

Legal requirements are that you give your name, address and registration number of the vehicle you are driving and that you show your driver's license. Do not be tempted to comment on the accident at this time. It is better to keep your notes and information strictly to yourself.

Be cooperative with the officer.

Briefly advise the officer of the basic facts and be as cooperative as possible. However, be aware that you have the right to consult your attorney before making any statement. Do this as quickly as possible if the accident is a serious one. Of course, you should always remain at the scene until the officer arrives, unless you are injured and the ambulance takes you from the scene.

Obtain identification of other driver(s)

Be sure to get the same basic facts of name, address, registration number of vehicle and driver's license from the other party or parties involved.

Obtain names of witnesses

Names and addresses of all witnesses should be obtained immediately. Eyewitnesses and anyone else who can provide pertinent information would be important to you.

Arrests do not require any statements.

Although an arrest at the scene may indicate liability in your mind, remember not to make statements without first consulting your attorney. Any statement you do make could be used as admission of fault.

Time to leave the scene.

If all of the above steps have been taken, you are free to leave the scene of the accident. Taking time to fill in answers to information listed at the end of the brochure could assure you that nothing important has been omitted.

See Your Chiropractor.

Early consultation and examination by your chiropractor are important, even if you do not feel you were injured. Immediate pain or injury that is obvious are not the only indications of injury. Your chiropractor can check for any misalignments of the spine that could bring about symptoms later and cause you problems.

Contact your insurance company.

Be sure to give all the facts in a complete report to your insurance company. Your rights could be affected if you do not report promptly and correctly.