

AFTER A VEHICLE ACCIDENT

Important tips for when an accident happens

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Statistics show that the average driver will be involved in four accidents during his or her lifetime. You never know when accidents will happen, but you can be prepared for when they do. One way to prepare is to keep an "accident kit" in your car. Recommended items include an accident checklist, flashlight, and a set of cones or warning triangles. Remember, safety first.

ACCIDENT CHECKLIST

STOP THE CAR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Do not leave the accident scene. In Pennsylvania, drivers leaving the scene of an accident are subject to a fine and/or imprisonment.

TURN OFF YOUR ENGINE

Turn off the engine and put your hazard lights on.

CHECK FOR ANY INJURIES

to yourself or your passengers. Keep in mind that common vehicle crash injuries such as whiplash do not show up right away. Don't ignore pain that occurs hours or even days after the accident.

CALL 911

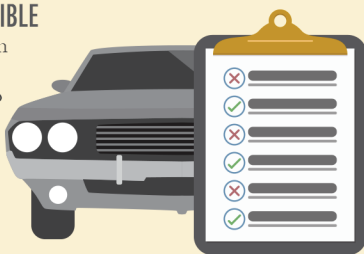
to inform the police and medical personnel. Don't allow the other driver(s) to talk you out of getting the police involved.

REMOVE YOUR VEHICLE FROM THE ROADWAY

if the accident has not resulted in a serious injury or death. Moving your vehicle is required by Pennsylvania law, but only if your vehicle can be safely driven under its own power in its customary manner without further damage or hazard.

WAIT FOR THE POLICE

Ask the officer how you can obtain a copy of the police report.



GATHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING:



other driver's name, contact and insurance information, license number



accident scene location and/or address



vehicle descriptions and license plate number



police officer's name and badge number



eyewitnesses' names and contact information



Notify your insurance company

If you've been seriously injured in a motor vehicle accident as the result of someone else's negligence, call HKQ Law at (800) 760-1529 to schedule your no-obligation consultation.

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