



**“The 10 Steps You
MUST Complete After
A Motor Vehicle
Accident”**

Auto accidents happen often, but few know how to best react after one. **Following these steps** will best ensure your safety, and the safety of those involved and help prepare you if legal assistance is needed.



Step #1 – *Do not panic. Try to focus on the situation and look around.*

Move your vehicle to the side of the road, out of harm's way.



Step #2 – *Check to see if anyone else was hurt in the accident,*

including other motorists and pedestrians. If you are certified, provide the injured with medical attention.



Step #3 – *Assess your own injuries and seek out medical aid.*

Remember, in some accidents, injuries will not show until hours or even days after the accident.



Step #4 – *Call 911 to report this accident.*



Step #5 – *Exchange information with anyone that was involved in the accident.*

Such information should include: drivers license number, insurance company information, home and cell phone numbers, names, addresses, and license plate numbers.

If there are any witnesses to the accident, collect their contact information too.



Step #6 – *Use a camera and take pictures of the entire scene of the accident.*

Be sure to take pictures of all vehicles involved and any damage to the vehicles and/or injured parties. Also, take pictures from different angles and locations. This may be helpful later when you are filing a lawsuit or insurance claim.



Step #7 – *Try your best to jot down details of the accident while it's still fresh in your mind.*



Step #8 – **DO NOT ADMIT GUILT.**

Even if you think you are at fault. Simply cooperate with the police and assist in making the entire process run smoothly.



Step #9 – In the case where the other motorist's insurance adjuster comes to the scene, keep from saying anything regarding your injuries or how the accident happened.

It's possible they are trying to protect their client from liability.



Step #10 – Do not get your vehicle repaired until your case has been heard.

The state of your vehicle can be used in your favor in court.

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