Six Essential Tips to Follow After a Car Accident

Here are 6 essential tips to keep in mind after you have been in a car accident:

- 1. **Prioritize Safety First:** Check yourself and your passengers for injuries. If anyone is hurt, call 911 immediately. If it is safe to do so, move your vehicle to a secure location away from traffic.
- 2. **Document Everything:** Once everyone is safe, exchange information with the other driver(s), including names, addresses, phone numbers, insurance details, and license plate numbers. Use your phone to take photos of the damage to all vehicles involved, the accident scene, and any relevant road conditions or signage.
- 3. **Call the Authorities:** Even for minor accidents, it is generally a good idea to call the police. They can create an official accident report, which can be helpful when dealing with insurance companies.
- 4. **Avoid Admitting Fault:** Stick to the facts when speaking with the other driver or the police. Avoid saying anything that could be interpreted as admitting fault for the accident, as this could negatively impact your insurance claim.
- 5. **Contact Your Insurance Company Promptly:** Notify your insurance provider as soon as possible after the accident. Provide them with all the information and documentation you have gathered. Cooperate fully with their investigation.
- 6. **Contact a Lawyer:** You will want to contact a lawyer as soon as possible. Having a lawyer will help you better understand your rights. The lawyer will also deal with the insurance company and prevent any inconvenience to you for having to deal with complex details during the stressful period related to recovery from the accident. Keep in mind consultation is free and lawyers take this type of case on a contingency fee basis. This means you do not have to pay anything to the lawyer unless they win for you.

Following these steps can help protect your well-being and ensure a smoother process for handling the aftermath of a car accident. To protect yourself further in case of an event you can download this article to your phone and pull up this list if you are involved in a vehicle accident. For your additional convenience, here is the phone number and email if you ever need it: (214) 762-8141 and susantheattorney@susanlkerrattorney.com