

CAR ACCIDENT CHECKLIST

Burton/Surya



Get to Safety

If your car is driveable, drive to a safe area to avoid further accidents. If your car is not driveable, stay in your car unless you can safely exit your vehicle and get to safety.



Call 911

Get help by calling 911. If you're hurt, ask for medical attention. A police officer will come to the scene and give you a police report number. You'll need that police report later.



Exchange Information

Get the other driver's information, including: photos of driver's license, car insurance, and phone number. Avoid arguing – it's not helpful.



Speak to Witnesses

Write down witnesses' names and contact information. Witnesses may not wait until the police gets there, and even if they do, a busy officer may not talk to every witness.



Take Photos

If possible, take photos of your vehicle, the other driver's vehicle, and the accident scene. It's important to document roadway conditions, any obstacles on the road, damage to the vehicles, and any other factors that may have contributed to the crash.



Get Your Stuff

Remove possessions from your vehicle if it gets towed or if you're being transported by ambulance. It may be a while before you get your vehicle again.



Get a Lawyer

Call a good law firm that specializes in personal injury cases. It is important to know your rights and protect yourself immediately after a car accident. To get great service and the best settlement, call a small firm that cares about its clients.



Speak to Police

Be respectful and inform the police what happened. If they took a while to arrive, it's not the officer's fault. If you think the other driver was drinking, texting, or not paying attention, tell the officer.



Insurance

Don't speak to any insurance company. Have your lawyer set up a claim and exchange information with all insurance companies.