

9 COMMON MISTAKES PEOPLE MAKE AFTER A CAR CRASH



NO ONE PLANS TO GET IN A CAR CRASH, and mistakes after the crash are common. These can be very costly and harm your chances of recovering your losses. Knowing what to do after a wreck can save you thousands of dollars in damages and help you get a fair resolution to your claim.



Not Calling the Police.

Call the police and file a report after an accident, especially if someone has been hurt or there is substantial damage to a car. A police report is the best way to preserve the early evidence.



Not Getting Enough Information.

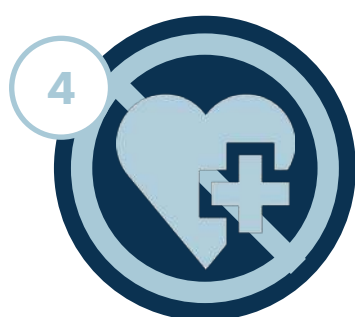
Even if it seems like a minor crash, make sure to gather important information from the other driver:

- Other driver's name, address, phone number, and drivers' license number;
- Insurance information; and
- The make, model, license plate number, and car owner's name.



Trusting the Insurance Company.

The insurance company will try to make early contact and be very friendly to you. Their goal is different than yours, and they will delay making a payment to you, if they can't avoid paying you altogether.



Refusing Medical Care.

Some injuries are apparent, but others take time to notice:

- Get checked out by medical personnel immediately, even if your pain level is low;
- Be honest about your concerns, even if they seem trivial; and
- Make sure your treaters know about your crash.



Discussing Your Accident.

Except for the police, do not discuss your accident with anyone:

- **Your insurance adjuster** – you can discuss your property damage, but it is better if someone else in your family does this for you. Don't talk about your injury or how the crash happened until you talk with an attorney;
- **Other driver's insurance** – Do not give a recorded statement or sign any documents. Avoid talking to the other driver's insurance company until you have spoken to your own lawyer;
- **Social media** – Everything you post can be twisted against you. There is nothing to gain and too much to lose by publicly sharing accident details.



Not Reporting the Crash to your Insurance Company

Failing to notify your insurance company promptly can prevent you from recovering property damage and medical expenses if the other driver is uninsured. Seek legal advice before giving the insurance company any statement about the accident.



Not Contacting a Car Accident Attorney if Injured

There is never enough money to make getting hurt a good experience, and people with an attorney get 2-5 times more money than those without. Few people have the knowledge and experience to take on a professional claims adjuster. Most attorneys that help injury victims offer free consultations, so you can find out if they can help you without cost or risk.



Not Keeping a Journal.

Too much happens after a crash to remember everything perfectly. A daily log can be a valuable memory refresher if you have to testify about important details later. Record:

- Doctor visits;
- Physical therapy sessions;
- How an injury affects daily life; and
- Records of medical bills, prescriptions, and lost wages.



Not Understanding Your Rights.

After a car crash, you are entitled to get back everything you lost. The right attorney can ensure that all of your losses are covered, including:

- Property damage and loss of use
- Lost wages; and
- Medical bills;
- Non-economic damages, like pain and suffering.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN HURT IN A CAR CRASH
and have other questions, contact us for a free consultation.



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