



OUR TOP 10 THINGS TO DO AFTER A CAR CRASH

Crashes are NOT Accidents (usually a driver is not paying attention)

1. **DO NOT MOVE YOUR CAR:** In most cases, you want to leave your car where it is until the police arrive. However, car crashes often happen at high speeds on highways or in bad weather conditions, and since you do not want to be part of another crash, you should get yourself and your passengers to as safe a place in the immediate vicinity of the crash site while you wait on the police or ambulance to arrive.
2. **ALWAYS CALL 911 AND REQUIRE A POLICE CRASH REPORT:** Call 911 and require a police crash report. The reports were called Accident Reports, but are now called “Traffic Crash Reports.” Do not leave the scene of a crash without notifying the police. If you leave the crash scene without reporting it to the police that is a traffic offense, and you can be cited with a traffic violation. If the police arrive and do not want to write up a crash report, insist that they properly document the crash, especially if there are injuries to you or your passengers.
3. **IF HURT – GET MEDICAL ATTENTION RIGHT AWAY:** Immediately seek medical attention and take an ambulance if given the opportunity. In many cases, you are in shock after the crash,

disoriented, and might not feel that you need medical attention. It is always a good idea to seek medical attention as soon as you can, especially if you have a concussion or other serious injury. Your health, the health of others, and everyone's safety is the utmost concern so consider that first and then the steps below.

4. **GET DETAILS FROM POLICE:** Get the business card of investigating police officer (with the phone number and email) and get the police report case number as well. Although we can usually get the case number at a later time, it speeds up the process in getting the crash report, police body camera video, witness statements, 911 recordings, and scene photos when you have the case number or an exchange of information card.
5. **RECORD WITNESS CONTACT INFO:** Obtain the names, phone numbers and contact information of all witnesses or have them text or email you their contact information. Many times, the police do not get the names of all the witnesses.
6. **TAKE CRASH PHOTOS OR VIDEO:** Take photos/videos of the scene, your car, motorcycle, or truck damage & your injuries, or have a witness do so. Have them text you or email them to you as soon as they can after the crash.
7. **GET ALL THE AUTO INSURANCE INFO:** Collect full insurance information from the careless driver, take a picture of the driver's auto insurance and driver's license if you can. Sometimes photos inside the other driver's motor vehicle have been helpful in past cases.
8. **DEAL WITH DAMAGED PROPERTY:** Get an estimate of your damaged car, truck, and personal items. Have car driven or towed to a local repair or auto collision center. Depending in the extent of the damage, the vehicle will be repaired or declared a total loss.
9. **STAY OFF SOCIAL MEDIA:** Do NOT post about the crash on social media. If you must, please only share facts not anything about your injuries or how you are feeling. Insurance companies search social media feeds and will try and use information against an injured people who might be trying not to make others worry or not yet sure of the extent of injuries.
10. **DO NOT GIVE AN RECORDED STATEMENT TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY BEFORE TALKING TO US:** Contact Denver's Accident Lawyer by phone 303-741-0249 or use the contact box on this website **before** talking to insurance companies. We will help guide you through the next steps for your case. Insurance companies will want to take your recorded statement before you may be ready. We advise against giving recorded statements without getting legal advice first.