

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE IN AN ACCIDENT

1 **Ensure your safety.**

Move yourself or your car to safety if you can. If you think someone might be badly hurt, call an ambulance right away and wait for paramedics.

2 **Take a breath.**

Accidents happen. Don't get angry or argue with the other driver – absolutely nothing will be solved at the accident scene. Politely exchange your information and leave it to your insurance to sort everything out.

3 **Call the police.**

Always report the accident, even for minor collisions. You may be advised to report to a collision reporting centre. If so, make sure you do this as soon as possible after leaving the scene and seeking medical care.

4 **Collect information and take pictures & video.**

Note down all the information listed on the back of this checklist. Take lots of pictures & video showing vehicle damage and the surrounding area.

5 **Go to the hospital, your doctor, or a walk-in clinic.**

If you have any symptoms, even if they seem minor, it's always better to be safe than sorry. Get checked out, make follow-up appointments and follow-through with all recommended treatment.

6 **Report the accident to your insurance company and start a claim.**

Phone your car insurance company's claims reporting line or your broker. They will send you a package of forms that you and your healthcare providers should complete and submit as soon as possible. If you will be seeing a lawyer, your lawyer can help you with these forms.

7 **Consider contacting a local personal injury lawyer.**

A lawyer can help you deal with your own insurance benefits and can advise you about getting additional compensation from the insurance of the at-fault driver. Most simply, a lawyer can tell you if you need a lawyer at all, or if you can handle your claim yourself. It never hurts to ask!

The lawyers at Martin & Hillyer offer a **free, no-obligation consultation** so you can get guidance about your insurance claim and any potential lawsuit.

Schedule a consultation online at mhalaw.ca, or by calling (905) 637-5641.

WHAT HAPPENED?

Road Conditions/Visibility	Time	Date
Draw a Simple Diagram and/or Describe How the Collision Occurred		
Is anyone hurt? How?		

OTHER VEHICLE #1

Vehicle Colour & Model	Plate Number	Driver Name
Driver License Number	Driver Phone #	Insurance Co & Policy No.
<i>Notes observations about this driver or the vehicle, passengers, anything said by this driver</i>		

OTHER VEHICLE #2

Vehicle Colour & Model	Plate Number	Driver Name
Driver License Number	Driver Phone #	Insurance Co & Policy No.
<i>Notes observations about this driver or the vehicle, passengers, anything said by this driver</i>		

WITNESSES OR POLICE AT THE SCENE

Name	Phone Number	Address or Email or Badge Number
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