

ACCIDENT INFORMATION FORM

Other car and driver

Name _____

Driver's license # _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Make/type of car _____

Car Year/Car License # _____

Any statement made? _____

Any drinking/impairment? _____

Passengers in other car

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Witnesses

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Wrecker services

Your car _____

Other cars _____

All Types of Vehicle Accidents

- Car/Truck/Motorcycle/Bicycle Accidents
- Train Accidents/Federal Employers Liability Act
- Boating/Maritime/Admiralty Cases
- Pedestrian
- DUI/Drunk Driving

Health Claims

- Nursing Home Abuse or Neglect (Bed Sores, Falls, Broken Bones, Malnutrition/Dehydration, Elopement/Escape)
- Medical Malpractice
- Infant Death/Brain Damage/Injury

Injuries On Property

- Motel, Hotel, Apartment or Shopping Center Attacks (Injuries From Assault, Battery, Rape, Negligent Security)
- Child Injuries/Park or Playground Injuries
- Drowning/Swimming Pool Injuries
- Animal Attacks/Dog Bites
- Slip or Trip and Fall Cases/Premises or Property Liability

Defective Product Liability

- All Products Causing Injury/Death Including:
 - Defective Cars, Seat Belts, Tires
 - Drug Reactions/Overdosages
 - Construction Equipment
 - Workout Equipment

Insurance Litigation

- Denied Care/Coverage:
 - HMO/Health Insurance
 - Disability/Life Insurance Denial or Delay
 - Failure To Pay Claims
 - Property Claim Denial or Delay
 - Car Insurance Denial or Delay

Commercial And Business Litigation Including:

- Fraud
- Deceptive Practices
- Business Breakup
- Anti-Competitive Activities
- Non-Compete
- Real Estate/Developer Claims

Trust, Estate and Probate Litigation

Construction Site Accidents

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Place this tri-fold in your car glove box in an envelope along with:

1. A copy of your insurance card and your registration
2. A copy of a piece of paper entitled "In case of emergency" with information on who should be contacted in case of an emergency
3. Paper and pencil to write down information after an accident

DRIVE SAFELY

1. Wear your seat belts and require your passengers to wear their seat belts – it's the law
2. Don't drink and drive – use designated drivers or call a taxi
3. Children – use car seats and don't allow them to sit in the front passenger seat until appropriate
4. Drive defensively and respectfully

1. Stop your car

- a. You must immediately stop at the scene of an accident, unless you are in danger
- b. Move your car so that you do not obstruct traffic
- c. Position your car so that you and your passengers are not in danger of being hit by traffic

2. Assist the injured

- a. Call for medical help immediately if needed
- b. You are required by law to give reasonable assistance to the injured
- c. If you do not have medical/first aid training do not treat the injuries – you may make the injury worse, if you do not know what you are doing

3. Protect the accident site

- a. After an accident cars should stay where they are unless they are blocking traffic or create a danger
- b. If the vehicles must be moved to allow traffic to proceed or to protect the drivers and passengers, then document the location of the vehicles at the time of the accident
- c. Use the car's four-way flashers and other lights to warn oncoming traffic of the accident scene
- d. Use care not to endanger yourself or passengers – think about other traffic that will be coming

4. Notify the authorities and then gather and document important information

- a. Any accident involving an injury, death or property damage of more than \$500 requires notification to authorities
- b. If notification is not required then the drivers must exchange information
- c. Cooperate with the authorities – you are required by law to provide the authorities and the other driver with your name, address, vehicle registration, and to let them see your drivers license. You have the right to the same information. You should copy this information down – be sure to write down the other driver's license number and the vehicle license plate and vehicle identification number

ANY QUESTIONS ?

please call 904.399.1609

5. Talk to the investigating officer – but no one else

- a. You are required by law to give the other driver the information previously described – but do not discuss the accident or admit you were at fault
- b. Investigating law enforcement – either the police, a deputy sheriff, or the highway patrol will investigate the accident. You are required by law to cooperate with them and you must provide the investigating officer with whatever information is needed to determine the cause of the accident. The statements you make to the investigating officer are privileged and may not be used against you in court.
- c. Statements you make to the other driver or to witnesses at the scene are not privileged and may be used by others – do not make statements to anyone other than the investigating officer
- d. Some insurance companies send investigators to the scene of the accident – do not discuss the accident with them. You are required to cooperate with your own insurance company. However, you have the right to consult an attorney and to have them present before giving a statement to your insurance company. If you or anyone in your car was injured, your insurance company may have interests different than your own.

6. Write down important information

- a. Get the names and addresses and phone numbers of all of the witnesses that you can
- b. Note how many passengers were in each car and get their names, addresses and phone numbers
- c. Make a diagram of the scene and walk off the distances if you can do so safely
- d. Take pictures if you have a camera
- e. Note skidmarks, including the length
- f. Note the physical damages on each vehicle and the extent of the damage

7. When you may leave

- a. Do not leave until you have the investigating officers permission to do so
- b. Insure that you have the documentation noted above

8. What to do next – protect yourself

- a. Go to the emergency room or see a doctor if you have any injuries – if you delay, it will weaken any claim you may have at a later time
- b. For anything other than a minor accident, you should timely contact an attorney – any delay affects the attorneys ability to properly investigate the scene of the accident, when witnesses have fresh memories, skid marks still exist, and this scene appears the same as on the day of the accident
- c. Notify your own insurance carrier and cooperate with them – but consult an attorney (Please contact us if you have any questions)

Conditions

Accident location _____

Day/Date/Time of Accident _____

Dark, light or dusk? _____

Weather _____

Road conditions _____

Traffic conditions _____

Your Speed _____ Other Speed _____

Traffic controls (lights, signs, etc.) _____

Who was cited to be at fault? _____

Why? _____

Who had seatbelts on?

Your car _____ Other cars _____

Any visual obstructions or other problems that contributed to the accident?

Location of impact (use landmarks) _____

Direction of each car

Your car _____ Other cars _____

Was anyone turning? If so who? _____

Was turn signal properly used? Why? _____

Speed just before impact

Your car _____ Other cars _____

Location of each car after the accident. _____

Location and length of any skid marks _____

Your car _____ Other cars _____

Location and extent of damage on cars _____

Your car _____ Other cars _____

Any problems caused by road conditions or surroundings?

Any other information _____
