



AFTER A CRASH: GLOVE BOX CARD

What To Do After a Car Crash

Keep this in your vehicle. Laws and reporting requirements vary by state, so follow local law and officer instructions.

1. CHECK FOR INJURIES

Call 911 for injuries, fire, major hazards, suspected impairment, a hit-and-run, or any situation that feels unsafe.

2. GET OUT OF DANGER

If the vehicle can be moved and local law permits it, move to a safer location. Do not stand in active traffic lanes.

3. DO NOT ARGUE ABOUT FAULT

Focus on safety and information. Statements made while upset can create unnecessary conflict.

4. EXCHANGE INFORMATION

Driver name, phone, insurance company/policy, vehicle plate, make/model, and contact information.

5. DOCUMENT THE SCENE

Photograph vehicle positions, damage, plates, road conditions, signals/signs, debris, and any relevant surroundings.

6. GET WITNESSES

If someone saw what happened, ask for their name and contact information.

7. SAVE THE REPORT INFORMATION

If police respond, keep the agency name, incident/report number, and officer information.

8. CONTACT YOUR INSURER

Report the crash promptly and follow your policy requirements.

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Insurance Company: _____

Policy #: _____

Roadside Assistance: _____

Phone: _____

NHTSA recommends carrying a roadside emergency kit; child restraint replacement may be required after some crashes.