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### **Do not:**

- **Panic.** Being in an accident is a horrible experience, but help is available. Take a deep breath and focus on completing the DO items.
- **Talk openly at the scene.** Be careful about what you say. It is possible to damage your case by making a statement like, “I’m fine” or “I’m OK.”
- **Talk to anyone about the case.** Insurance investigators are trained to look for discrepancies in a story. Their job is to deny or minimize your claim.
- **Leave an accident scene.** Unless there is a medical emergency, collect information if you are able, and wait for police to arrive.

### **Do:**

- **Call the police.** Contact the police so they can come to the scene and take a traffic collision report.
- **Obtain medical care.** If you or a loved one was hurt, make sure to get proper medical treatment right away. Call paramedics so they can come to the scene and provide medical attention.
- **Collect evidence & info.** Get photos of the accident and injuries (mobile phone photos are fine). Collect the names, driver’s licenses, registration, insurance information and vehicle description (year, make, model, color, and license plate) of everyone involved in the accident. You will also want to obtain the contact info from any witnesses.
- **Call your insurance company.** Reporting the accident to your insurance agent is extremely important to your case.
- **Get legal help.** An experienced personal injury attorney can help you understand your legal options.