

I Have Been in a Car Accident: Now What?

- Car accidents happen every minute; do you know the steps you should take?

The following are some important tips to keep in mind if you are in an accident.

- Do not leave the scene of an accident
- Try to stay calm
- Assess the situation – Are you out of harms way?
- Determine the extent of the damages or injuries
- Call the appropriate responders – *Even if no one was hurt or vehicles are drivable. A police report may be required by the insurance company.*
- Document damage and take pictures while its fresh in your mind
- Do not admit fault
- Exchange insurance information with other drivers –
 - Name, address & phone numbers
 - Make, model of vehicles
 - Insurance company info
- Locate any witnesses
- Contact your insurance agent to report claim

- Additional Safety Tips While Driving:

- Avoid driving while you are tired
- Do not text and drive
- Be sure children are properly restrained in a car seat or seatbelt
- Use caution when changing lanes and at intersections
- Obey signs
- Drive defensively, not aggressively
- Focus on the road
- Reduce speed in inclement weather