

# Accident? What to do next



When you're involved in an accident, adrenaline can leave you dazed and confused. Add injuries, pain and fear to the mix, and you have a volatile situation that can cloud even the most level-headed person.

Let the attorneys at Injury Lawyers of Illinois LLC—the law firm of Tony S. Kalogerakos—help prepare you to protect your interests in accident situations. We offer the following guide to assist you in the event of an accident.

## 1. Get Help

Try to remain calm. Call an ambulance if necessary, or have someone nearby do it if you cannot. Never leave the scene of accident.

## 2. Notify Police

If you cannot call them, gather all the information you can and file a report at the nearest police station. Be sure to get the information listed below *before* you leave the accident scene.

## 3. Get Information

From the other drivers involved, get this *crucial information*:

- Name
- Address (including city and state)
- Driver's license number
- Insurance company name and policy number
- Telephone numbers

Write down all relevant information on the vehicle(s) involved, including:

- Make
- Body type
- License plate number/state

If there are witnesses, get their names and contact info, too.

## 4. Make a Visual

A picture really is worth a thousand words. If you can, and it is safe, take pictures of the vehicle(s) before they are moved. This can be helpful if the accident resulted in injuries.

After you get emergency treatment and are home, remember to take pictures of your injuries—any cuts, bruises or bandages, or casts.

## 5. If You are Injured

Get medical treatment immediately.

If you are concerned about not having health insurance, know that if the other driver is at fault, your bills may be paid by their insurance company. Our firm will help you in this process.

## 6. Notify Your Insurance

You must notify your insurance company of the accident.

To protect your interests, however, let our law office handle all communications with the other driver's insurance company.

*Do not speak to the other driver's insurance company.*

## 7. Protect Your Rights

You must act quickly to protect your rights after an auto accident.

Deciding who's at fault can be complicated. Insurance coverage, and how you will get your bills paid, can be frustrating, confusing... and a little scary.

Don't jeopardize your rights.

Call our office—we specialize in injury matters. We offer free consultations; we will answer all your questions.

*Injury Lawyers of Illinois* can handle your case anywhere in the state. We advance all costs and expenses and only collect when we win. And we will also help get your vehicle repaired for free.

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