GetSmart
INJURY NETWORK
Information. Connections. Support.

FREE CHECKLIST
getsmartinjury.com

The first 10 minutes after a crash.

Ten steps, in order. Print it for your glovebox, or save it to your phone.

- [ ] **1 Check on everyone.**
  You, your passengers, and the people in the other car.
- [ ] **2 Turn on your hazards.**
- [ ] **3 Get to a safe spot.**
  Only if the car moves and it's safe to. A shoulder or parking lot beats the middle of the road.
- [ ] **4 Call 911, even for a minor crash.**
  The police report is the neutral record of what happened.
- [ ] **5 Photograph everything before anything moves.**
  Both cars, all four corners, the street, and the signs.
- [ ] **6 Don't apologize. Stick to the facts.**
  "Are you okay?" is fine. "I'm sorry" gets written down.
- [ ] **7 Exchange insurance information.**
  Photograph their card instead of writing it down: no typos, and the policy number is exact.
- [ ] **8 Get witness contacts before they leave.**
  A name and phone number is enough.
- [ ] **9 Write down the time, the location, and what happened.**
  In your own words, while it's fresh.
- [ ] **10 Get the police report number and the officer's name.**
  Before you leave the scene.

Based on general post-accident guidance from NHTSA and the Insurance Information Institute.

Free guides, by text or phone: 877-310-0002

getsmartinjury.com

GetSmart Injury Network is a marketing and intake service, not a law firm, and does not provide legal advice. Participating law firms are independent and pay GetSmart for advertising and intake services. You are free to choose any attorney. General information, not legal advice. Every situation is different — consult a licensed attorney about your specific circumstances.

Write it down at the scene.

Fill this in before you leave. Keep it with your insurance card.

DATE AND TIME

LOCATION (STREET, DIRECTION)

WEATHER, LIGHT, TRAFFIC

POLICE REPORT NUMBER

OFFICER NAME AND BADGE

THEIR NAME AND PHONE

THEIR INSURANCE COMPANY

THEIR POLICY NUMBER

THEIR PLATE NUMBER

THEIR CAR (COLOR, MAKE, MODEL)

WITNESS 1: NAME AND PHONE

WITNESS 2: NAME AND PHONE

Photos taken

- [ ] Both cars, all four sides
- [ ] Both license plates
- [ ] The whole scene, wide
- [ ] The road: signs, signals, skid marks
- [ ] Anything on the ground
- [ ] Their insurance card and license
- [ ] The inside of your own car

What happened, in your own words

GetSmart Injury Network is a marketing and intake service, not a law firm, and does not provide legal advice. Participating law firms are independent and pay GetSmart for advertising and intake services. You are free to choose any attorney. General information, not legal advice. Every situation is different — consult a licensed attorney about your specific circumstances.