

WHAT IF YOU ARE IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT AND...

...the other car leaves the scene?

Call the police, your attorney and your insurance agent. You may be entitled to recover damages from your own insurance company.

...you are injured and responsible for the accident? You may be entitled to "no-fault" benefits under your policy for medical expenses, lost wages and replacement services.

...the responsible party doesn't have enough insurance? Your insurance company may pay damages to you or occupants of your car, depending on what your policy covers and other related issues.

...your car was damaged and hauled away. Notify your insurance agent and your attorney immediately—before your car is repaired!

WE CAN HELP

D'Angelo & Hashem, Attorneys and Counselors at Law, will protect your legal rights. If you are in an auto accident or would like us to review your auto insurance contract to make sure you have enough coverage, call us toll free at

1-877-384-8800.

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WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU ARE IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT?



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You are in a car accident. What should you do?



FIRST

- If you are injured, call an ambulance. Take care of your health first.

THEN

- Call the police. Always remain at the scene and give the police a statement—just the facts. However, **DO NOT** sign any statement until you've read it carefully and are sure that the facts are correct.
- Call your attorney. The sooner we become involved, the better we're able to protect your legal rights.
- Give your name, address, license, registration number and insurance information to anyone involved in the accident.

NEVER

- Say "I'm sorry" or admit fault or responsibility for the accident.
- Let the other owners or drivers leave the scene before you have obtained their names, addresses, license and registration numbers and insurance information.

ALWAYS

- Get the names and phone numbers of any witnesses to the accident.
- Contact your insurance agent to let them know you've been in an accident **AFTER** speaking with your attorney. **NEVER** accept a check or settlement offer or sign any document from an insurance company or insurance adjuster without consulting your attorney first.
- Keep all bills, statements, invoices, photographs, medical records, prescription receipts and other documents that show evidence of losses or expenses.
- File a report with the Registry of Motor Vehicles and state or local police within 5 days if anyone was injured or you believe property damage will exceed \$1000.



YOU HAVE THE RIGHT

- To seek appropriate medical care. However, seeking unnecessary treatment or going outside of your health insurance network could lead to denial of all or part of your insurance claim. Ask your attorney for legal advice regarding the payment of your medical bills.
- To choose whatever auto repair facility you see fit. Keep in mind that direct-repair shops (DRP) are closely affiliated with insurance companies and may not act in your best interest.
- To be represented by an attorney who understands your legal rights and obligations, has extensive experience with personal injury cases and works on your behalf. Remember, insurance companies are looking out for their own interests—not yours.

