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What to Do If You're in A Motor Vehicle Accident

- If vehicle or conditions are unsafe, exit the vehicle or the scene ASAP
- Call 911 right away; ALWAYS have police come to the scene
- Get a copy of the accident report summary/face sheet from the police officer, so you can access the police report later
- Take good, clear, detailed pictures of your and other person's vehicles if you can (if you're physically able to), or have someone else do so; take pictures inside the vehicle as well, if damage or debris inside vehicle or sign of things moving around because of accident



- If possible, do not move the cars from the positions they are in right after the accident. If you must move them for safety reasons or because directed to do so by the police officer, do. Get pictures of the cars in the positions they are in right after the accident if at all possible.

- Get the names and addresses of any witnesses to the accident
- Request an ambulance transport you to the hospital if any indication of injury, even slight – if any indication of injury at all, take an ambulance, or get to E.R. or P.C. ASAP
- Tell the EMTs any and all possible injuries. Do not be shy or downplay anything. Report everything.
- Note what your body did inside the vehicle during the collision; what did any part of your body strike inside the vehicle, what did your body do?
- Note when and if you felt pain, if injured
- Give the officer a full, detailed and honest account of what happened
- Make a mental note of anything the other driver says – perhaps record in phone or jot down



- Make a mental note of the weather conditions, road conditions and where you are (town, street, intersecting street) – perhaps record in phone or jot down – as soon as practical
- Do not talk to the other person's or your insurance company about your injuries; you may talk to either about car damage
- Treat, treat, treat



- Miss work if injured; attempt to get doctor's note
- Over rather than understate injuries to police and any providers; if any inkling injured, report the injury
- Speak minimally with the other driver; note if he/she admits fault and whether or not the driver was concerned about how you were doing; note anything else the driver said or did – perhaps record in phone or jot down - as soon as practical
- Get the name, address and insurance information from the other driver especially if the police are not called
- Call me right away: 860-889-5266, Dan Beebe, Beebe & O'Neil, Attorneys at Law