

This brochure is to provide you with the basic information you should give and receive in case you are in a motor vehicle accident.

It is suggested you keep this in your glove compartment with your insurance card.

This brochure is not intended to substitute for legal advice and you should consult an attorney if you are in an accident in which there is bodily injury or serious property damage.

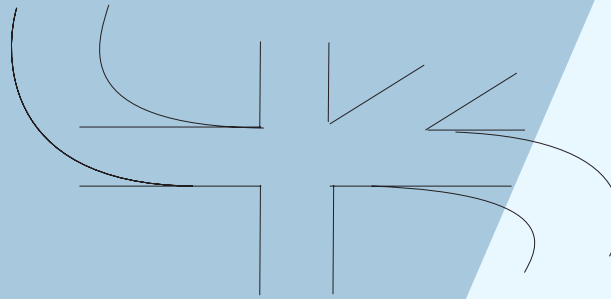
This brochure is written with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in mind. Although these are probably good rules in any state, you should realize that state motor vehicle laws vary and other states may place you under other legal obligations.



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Alter diagram as needed to show roadway, parked cars, traffic light, stop signs. Try to show where your car was in relation to other cars when you first noticed the other car(s) **before** the accident and **then** the place the vehicles actually came in contact. No artistic talent is needed. You can use little symbols to show each car. For example your car is #1 and the other car is #2:



Open In Case of Auto Accident:

**What to do before -
and after -
the police arrive.**



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HERE ARE THE TEN BASIC RULES

Stop your vehicle as soon as it is safe to do so.

If anyone has been clearly injured call for help immediately. Render first aid if you know how but **do not move anyone who might possibly have a back or neck injury**. Even if there is no serious injury, you should call the police if there is any injury or noticeable property damage.

Write down the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and license numbers of all other drivers involved in the accident.

Write down the plate numbers of all other vehicles in the accident, the names of their owners, and the name and policy number of their insurance companies. Provide your information to the other drivers.

Obtain the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all passengers and all witnesses.

Provide all of this information to the police and make a statement to the police if they ask how the accident occurred, but **do not admit fault**. Fault for a motor vehicle accident is not always clear.

The police officer will probably give you his/her name and the incident/report number. Write it down and, if the officer doesn't give you the information, ask for it.

If you, or anyone in your vehicle, needs medical attention get it as soon as possible.

If you can, make a sketch of the accident showing the location of all the vehicles before and after the accident. Note the street name and nearest cross street or, on a highway, the closest mileage marker.

Report the accident to your insurance company as soon as possible but **do not discuss the accident with anyone except your insurance company, the police, and your lawyer**.

Two additional special rules

● If you are asked, by the police, to give a blood, breath, or urine sample you should do so to the best of your ability. If, for some medical reason, you cannot give a sample you should still try. Failure to give a sample will, in Pennsylvania, and most other states, result in your license being suspended for a year, even if you are sober.

● You are likely to feel upset, shaken up, angry, giddy, stupid, or any combination of these or have other emotional reactions after an accident. That is normal. Be careful what you say and be polite to the police, ambulance attendants, paramedics and other drivers, passengers and witnesses.

Officer's name _____

Incident/report # _____

Driver's name: _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone _____

Driver's licence _____

Make & model vehicle _____

Owner's name & address
(if not same as driver) _____

Plate Number _____

Insurance Company _____

Policy Number _____

Driver's name: _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone _____

Driver's licence _____

Make & model vehicle _____

Owner's name & address
(if not same as driver) _____

Plate Number _____

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Use space below, to left and on other side, and extra paper to note names, addresses and phone numbers of passengers and witnesses.
