

10 THINGS TO DO IMMEDIATELY AFTER AN AUTO ACCIDENT

遭遇交通事故后十件立马要做的事

We all hope that we or our loved ones will never be in a serious auto accident, but unfortunately the odds are stacked against us and most drivers will be in some sort of accident while driving at some point in their lives.

我们都希望我们自己以及我们的家人们永远不会遇到严重的交通事故，但世事无常，在平常的生活中，大多数的司机总会在驾驶的过程中或多或少遇到一些交通事故。

Whether you are the one at fault or not and whether you are the driver or passenger, it is important to know what to do after any accident, no matter how big or small it may seem to be at the time.

不论您遭遇的交通事故在当时看来是大型还是小型，不论您在这场交通事故中是过错方或无过错方，司机还是乘客，了解遭遇交通事故之后您应该做些什么是非常重要的。

Here are ten things you must do immediately after you are in an auto accident in order to obey the law and protect yourself in the [aftermath](#):

为了遵守法律的相关规定和保护您的相关权利和权益，以下是十件您在遭遇交通事故后立马要做的事。

1.STOP- NEVER DRIVE OFF. You must never drive away from the scene of an accident, whether you are at fault or not, even if it is just a minor fender bender type of accident.

1. **停下来！-绝不驾车逃逸。** 不论您是否是事故的过错方或无过错方，以及就算这只是一场非常轻微的追尾或剐蹭事故，您绝对不能在事故发生后立马驾车逃离现场。

If you leave the scene of an auto accident and it turns out to be a more serious accident or there are injuries sustained by the other driver, you will be charged with a hit and run which can bring heavy fines and jail time! So, never just drive off after you are in an accident.

如果您逃离了事故现场，并且这场事故最后成为了一场较为严重的交通事故，或者该事故另一方的司机因为这场事故受了伤，您将会被指控为交通肇事逃逸罪。如果指控成立，您将面临着巨额的罚款以及牢狱之灾。所以，切记事故发生后永远不要驾车逃逸。

2. PROTECT THE SCENE. You need to make sure you notify other drivers somehow that there has been an accident so other drivers do not wreck when they come up upon you.

2. 保护事故现场。 您需要确保您能以某种有效的方式通知路上的其他车辆驾驶司机此处发生了交通事故，从而能确保来往的车辆不会破坏事故现场。

Also, make sure no one messes with the scene, removes anything, or moves the vehicles until the police can arrive and take care of the scene.

而且，作为事故当事人，警察到达现场之前您必须保护现场；不得让任何人移动事故现场车辆，物体，改变事故现场。

You do not want evidence getting lost or messed up before officials can take a look at what happened. It is best to get out of your vehicles due to the risk of fire but you need to be able to get to a safe place where passing cars and other hazards are not a threat to your safety.

这样才能确保在警察来检查事故现场之前，您不会丢失任何证据或弄乱任何现场证据。事故发生后，以防您的车辆着火危机到您的生命，您最好下车等待警察到来。下车后，您也要确保待在安全的地方，并确保过往车辆和其他危险情况不会威胁到您的安全。

3. NOTIFY THE POLICE. Even when no serious injuries have been sustained or no significant damage has been caused, it is a good idea to call the police.

3. 报警。 即便是这场事故没有造成严重的人员伤亡或财产损害，报警也绝对是个好主意。

You may need a police report to file a claim with your insurance company so you can get any damage repaired and so any medical expenses that creep up down the road in connection to the accident will be covered.

您也许需要一份警察出具的交通事故报告来向您的保险公司索赔，得到索赔后，您可以支付事故造成的车辆损害以及因该事故而产生的医疗花销。

The vehicles involved in the accident can be moved if they are posing a major threat to other drivers but photos should be taken before anything is moved!

当然，如果事故车辆对路上的其他来往驾驶司机会造成重大的安全威胁，您可以挪动事故车辆，但是一定要在移动车辆之前拍下事故现场的照片！

4. MAKE AN ACCURATE RECORD. When the police arrive, make sure you tell law enforcement officials everything you know and everything that happened to the best of your abilities.

4. 做好精确的事故记录。 当警察到达现场后，您一定要尽全力确保您能精确地向交通行政执法人员描述任何您知道的与事故发生有关的相关事宜。

If you do not know certain facts, admit as much, never make something up. Do not speculate, guess or intentionally misstate any of the facts.

如果您不知道和不确定相关事实，绝对不要编造事实。不要推测，猜测或者故意捏造任何事实。

When asked if you are hurt and there is no obvious injury, tell them you are not sure if you are hurt or not rather than saying no.

如果被问到您是否感到疼痛时，您并没有受到任何外伤，也要告诉警察您不确定您是否感到疼痛，不要直接告诉警察您没有感觉到疼痛。

By answering a definitive no, you could make it harder to get medical expenses covered down the road if needed. Immediately after an accident, adrenaline is pumping through your body and this can make it hard to detect pain.

如果您很绝对地回答您没有感觉到疼痛，您将很难获得因该事故产生的相关医疗费用的赔偿。车祸之后的短时间内，肾上腺素的急速升高会导致您没有办法立马感受到疼痛。

Often times the extent of injuries are not known for a few days following an accident- especially a minor one.

而且，在交通事故中受到的伤在事故几天之后都不会显现，尤其是轻微的交通事故后，受伤的症状都不会立即很明显地显现。

5. TAKE PICTURES IF POSSIBLE. If you happen to have a camera or your cell phone has a camera use it to take photos of the accident scene.

5. 如果可能的话，要拍照片。如果您正好有相机或者您的手机有相机功能，您一定要拍下事故现场的照片。

Take photos of the vehicles, debris field, and any surrounding areas that show skid marks or signs of the accident. If you have visible injuries, you should photograph them as well to document them for your medical records.

您要拍下事故车辆，车辆残骸区域，以及事故现场周围区域涉事车辆的刹车痕迹。如果您有明显的外伤，您应该拍下伤势的照片作为医疗记录的一部分。

However, you should in no way interfere with the on-going police investigation. When police are working the scene, you should not be getting in their way to get photos.

但是，您不应该妨碍警察调查事故现场。当警察在事故现场工作时，您不应该为了拍照片而阻碍他们的调查工作。

If you cannot take pictures at the scene of the accident, take them as soon as possible after the accident to document things as completely as you can.

如果您不能在事故现场拍下照片的话，您一定要在事故之后，尽快且尽可能完整地拍下与事故有关的相关文件。

6. EXCHANGE NECESSARY INFORMATION. Typically, the inspecting official obtains all of the necessary information from those who were involved in the accident or who might have witnessed it.

6. 交换必要的信息。通常，负责调查的执法人员都能从与这场事故有关的人员那里，或者任何目击这场事故的人员那里获取必要的信息。

However, if the police do not respond to the accident, you should obtain the name, address and telephone number of all persons involved in the accident, drivers and passengers alike.

然而，如果警察没有对您的报警做出回应，您应该记录下牵连到这场事故里的司机，乘客以及其他相关人员的名字，地址和电话。

Ask to see their license and insurance cards and copy the information down and allow them to do the same for you. If police respond to the accident, you will be given a police report number that can be used to obtain all information that is needed for records.

您需要请他们向您提供他们的驾驶证和保险卡，并且给您留下一份复印件。当然，您也应该向他们提供您的驾驶证和保险卡并留下复印件。如果警察来到了事故现场做了调查，您将会获得一个警察报告号码，您也可以这个号码获取您需要的一切信息。

7. REPORT THE ACCIDENT. You need to contact your insurance company and report the accident as soon as possible.

7. **报告您的交通事故。** 您需要尽快联系您的保险公司报告您遭遇的交通事故。

Many policies require immediate reporting and full cooperation on your part to obtain the details of the accident and the extent of the damage that has been sustained or caused.

许多保险公司的保险政策都要求立即报告发生的交通事故，并且积极且周全地配合他们获得这场事故的细节，以及您在这场事故中遭受到的所有损失。

Find out if you have medical benefits as part of your insurance coverage. Medpay insurance coverage often costs extra so you will want to be sure you take advantage of that coverage and use it.

您要向保险公司确认您投保的范围是否包括了医疗费用赔付。因为投保医疗费用保险通常会花费更多的钱，您应该尽可能地利用您投保的保险范围来覆盖您的医疗花费。

In fact, if you have medpay coverage, all accident-related medical bills are required to be submitted in a timely fashion to your insurance company so your policy terms can be upheld.

事实上，如果您投保了医疗费保险，保险公司会要求您在第一时间提交所有与交通事故有关的医疗账单，这样的话，您才能满足相关的保险赔付条款。

8. ALWAYS SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION. Often, injuries sustained during an automotive accident are not immediately obvious unless there has been severe trauma.

8. **一定要寻求医疗关注。** 通常，一场交通事故对您身体造成的伤害不会立即显现出来，除非您受到了严重的创伤。

Unless you are absolutely certain you were not injured, you should seek medical attention as soon as possible- usually within 24 hours of the accident to make sure there are no hidden injuries to your spine, head, organs, muscles, or bones.

您应该在事故发生后 24 小时内尽快前往医院检查身体，以确保您的脊柱，头部，器官，肌肉，或骨头没有受到隐藏的伤害。除非您绝对确定您没有受伤，您可以不用寻求医疗关注。

Even in accidents involving minor impact, you can sustain major trauma that can lead to major complications down the road if they are left untreated.

即使您遭遇到的交通事故仅仅是轻微的碰撞或剐蹭，您仍旧会遭受到重大创伤，而且如果该创伤没有得到及时的治疗的话，其会导致严重的并发症。

9. KEEP A FILE. Make sure you keep all your accident-related documents and information together.

9. 保存文件。 确保您保存了与事故有关的所有文件和信息。

All names, contacts, records, reports, medical bills, and anything else related to the accident and any proceedings and expenses related to that incident need to be kept in a safe place.

所有姓名，联系人，记录，报告，医疗账单和其他任何与事故有关的一切，以及任何与该事故有关的程序文件和花费都应该被保存在安全的地方。

It is also a good idea to have multiple copies to store in various locations to protect against loss or damage.

为了确保更好地保护重要的资料不被丢失和损害，您可以在不同的地方多保存几份重要资料的复印件。

10. PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. The single most important thing you need to do after an accident is call and speak to your [attorney](#).

10. 保护您的权利。 交通事故之后最重要的一件事就是打给您的律师进行咨询。

They are the ones best suited to assist you with your next steps if you are injured and they also can protect your rights and make sure valuable evidence for your case is not compromised or lost.

如果您在交通事故中受伤了，律师是最适合协助您进行下一步的人。他们能够保护您的权利，并且能够确保对您案子最有价值的证据不被泄露和丢失。

Often, insurance companies want to take statements immediately after an accident and you must remember to never give any sort of statement to any insurance or medical provider before you consult with your attorney and get sound legal counsel on the matter.

通常情况下，保险公司想要在事故发生后立即获取您对事故以及相关事宜的陈述。您必须注意的是，在您与您的律师咨询并且获得相关法律建议之前，永远不要向任何保险和医疗提供者做有关事故的陈述。

Our team of experienced attorneys can advise you on any issues related to your auto accident.

对于任何关于您交通事故的法律问题，我们非常有经验的律师团队可以给您相关的法律建议。

Call us today for a free consultation to learn about what our team can do for you and how we will fight for you to get the compensation that you deserve after your accident.

您可以打电话给我们进行免费的法律咨询。通过咨询，您可以了解到我们的团队可以为您做什么，以及我们将如何为您争取交通事故之后您应得的赔偿。