

INJURY LAW 10 To Dos Following an Auto Accident

A Glovebox Checklist

Whether you have been driving for decades or are a new driver, being in an auto accident can be a terrifying experience that leaves you shaken and less focused and accurate than normal. Keep our checklist in your glovebox to follow should you be in the unfortunate circumstance of a car accident.

- Call 911, if needed. If you are not seriously injured, check to see if anyone else is injured.
- 2. If your vehicle is drivable and there are no serious injuries, move it off the road to avoid another accident. Be cautious not to become injured in a second accident at the scene.
- 3. Call the police and request an accident report to be filed.
- Collect information from the other driver, their passengers, and witnesses. Record names, addresses, phone numbers, driver's license information, and vehicle registration information. (Take clear pictures with your cell phone if you can.)
- Take photographs from a safe location of the damage to all vehicles, skid marks, and the general accident location. (You can also video record.)
- 6. Call RG Injury Law at 717.656.5000 if you have any concerns about your accident injuries and protections needed before calling your insurance company. The insurance representative, no matter how nice, is there to represent the insurance company.
- Notify your insurance company promptly. Coverage may be denied if not complete in a timely fashion.
- The insurance company will call you for your statement on a recorded line. Answer their questions and state the facts, including your version of the events related to the accident.
- Ask your insurance agent about the benefits available under your policy for car repairs, property damage, car rentals, medical bills, wage lost. You can use these benefits and not have your rates increased unless you are the at-fault driver.
- Sign no documents from the insurance company without having discussed your case with a personal injury auto accident attorney.

Talk with no charge or commitment with Attorney Chad Rankin by calling 717.656.5000 or emailing help@rginjurylaw.com.