

Auto Accident Checklist for Georgia



Do you know what to do in the event of an accident?

FOLLOW THESE TIPS IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT ON THE ROAD:

- STOP! Failure to stop is a criminal offense.
- Take precautions. Use your hazard lights and be cautious of traffic around you.
- Call the Police. Be sure to provide accurate information, which will be used to file a police report on the accident. This will be used in the case of a claim. Only give facts and avoid guessing.
- Ensure the Police Officer is aware of all passengers in the car so they can be documented in the police report.
- Seek medical attention right away. Even if your injuries appear minor, you should be seen by a healthcare provider who knows what to check for after an accident. Don't delay in going to see a doctor as it could affect the possible outcome of your claim.
- You may give your name, address, and vehicle restriction number to the police and to the other party involved and show your driver's license and insurance card. Do not reveal the limits of your insurance policy. Be sure to get the same information from the other driver(s).
- Be mindful of what you say to the other party involved. Do not state who caused the accident or who is at fault. Do not escalate a situation or engage in a verbal argument. Keeping calm is in your best interest.
- Do not leave the scene unless you are seriously injured or the police officer gives you permission to go.
- Look for any witnesses who may have seen what happened. Ask if they would be willing to give a brief statement and obtain the following: their name, address, and phone number.
- Take pictures of the accident scene and damage to the vehicles, if you are able to do so in a safe manner.
- Document your own account of what happened while it is still fresh in your mind.
- Keep organized records after the accident, including any lost wages from missing work and any medical reports and bills.

Keep this in your vehicle!

The Facts

According to the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety, in 2015 there were 385,221 crashes and 1,180 traffic fatalities in Georgia.

Of those, 19% were found to be speed-related fatalities. The chance of a crash being fatal is over three times higher in speed-related crashes than those not related to speed.

26% of those fatalities were associated with alcohol-impairment. The chance of a crash being fatal is six times higher if alcohol-impairment is involved.

In 2016, the statewide safety belt usage was at 97.2%. In 2015, 46% of all vehicle crash fatalities in Georgia were attributed to non-restraint use.

Always remember to wear your seat belt and to use approved safety seats for children.

If the accident was not your fault and you or someone you know was injured, contact the Law Offices of Jenny Huynh:
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Don't wait! You could be missing out on fair compensation for your injuries.
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