

CALL 911 FOR INJURIES, FIRE, DANGER, OR BLOCKED TRAFFIC

Remain at the scene and exchange required information.

1. IMMEDIATE SAFETY

- ☐ Check yourself and passengers for injuries.
- ☐ Call 911 when anyone may be injured or danger remains.
- ☐ Move out of traffic only when it is safe to do so.
- ☐ Turn on hazard lights and remain at the scene.

2. SCENE AND VEHICLE EVIDENCE

- ☐ Exact location, cross streets, date, and time.
- ☐ All vehicles, plates, and damage from several angles.
- ☐ Wide scene views, lanes, signals, signs, and debris.
- ☐ Road, weather, lighting, skid marks, and hazards.
- ☐ Visible injuries when appropriate and safe.
- ☐ Preserve original files without editing metadata.

3. DRIVER AND WITNESS DETAILS

- ☐ Driver name, phone, address, and license information.
- ☐ Insurer, policy number, vehicle, and license plate.
- ☐ Witness names, phones, and what each person observed.
- ☐ Do not argue, coach witnesses, or guess about fault.

4. POLICE AND MEDICAL RECORD

- ☐ Responding agency, officer name, badge, and report number.
- ☐ Ambulance, emergency room, urgent care, or doctor details.
- ☐ Symptoms, pain changes, referrals, and work restrictions.
- ☐ Keep bills, receipts, discharge papers, and instructions.

5. FIRST-DAYS FOLLOW-UP

- ☐ Create one folder for photos, records, and correspondence.
- ☐ Write a factual timeline while details are fresh.
- ☐ Save claim number, insurer, adjuster, and repair records.
- ☐ Ask who wants a recorded statement and why before agreeing.
- ☐ Avoid public posts about the crash, injuries, or activities.

6. CALIFORNIA REPORTING CHECK

- ☐ Review the current DMV SR-1 instructions.
- ☐ The 10-day rule may apply after injury, death, or more than \$1,000 in property damage.
- ☐ A police or insurance report does not replace an SR-1 when required.

QUICK CRASH RECORD

Keep this page private and with your records.

LOCATION / CROSS STREETS

DATE AND TIME

WITNESS NAME / PHONE

MEDICAL FACILITY / PROVIDER

SYMPTOMS OR CHANGES NOTICED

RESPONDING AGENCY / REPORT NUMBER

OTHER DRIVER / LICENSE PLATE

INSURER / POLICY / CLAIM NUMBER

TOW YARD / REPAIR LOCATION

FOLLOW-UP DATE / NEXT ACTION

Tip: write factual observations, preserve original files, and avoid guessing about fault, diagnosis, or outcome.

IMPORTANT Do not sign a release or settlement document you do not understand. Deadlines and reporting duties can vary; verify current official instructions and get individualized legal advice when needed.