

DOUG'S PLACE

Collision Repairs Inc.

ACCIDENT SCENE

You've been in an accident. Now what?

Well, once things have calmed down a bit, it is important for you to be aware of your rights and responsibilities.

At the scene of the accident:

You must always call the police if any of the following have happened:

1. Anyone has been injured or killed.
2. The apparent combined damage is \$1,000 or more.
3. One of the drivers has committed an offense.
4. A traffic control device or other public property has been damaged.

If the damage was not sufficient to call the police, begin filling out a collision report form and include the following information:

- Write down the name, address, insurance company, policy number and driver's license number of the other driver. If the driver does not own the car, ask for information on the registered owner.
- Get the license number, make, model and year of the other car.
- Get the names and contact information (including addresses) of any witnesses.
- Write down your description of the accident while the details are still fresh in your mind.

What to do next

Go to a police station to report the accident. Make a note of the file number the police assign to it.

Regardless of which driver is at fault, call your insurance company or agent. Your accident file will be assigned to an insurance adjuster who will ask you to give an accident report.