

Auto Accident TOOL KIT

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Car Accident Tool Kit: Questions and Information to Gather After an Accident

In the aftermath of an accident, it can be difficult to know what steps you need to take. What information should you collect? What do you need to do? What should you avoid?

This tool kit includes questions you should try to answer after an accident. Answer all questions and complete the information as thoroughly as possible, and be sure to take notes on anything else about the accident that may impact your claim.

In addition to gathering information, you should:

- Seek medical treatment as soon as possible for any injuries you suffered in the accident.
- Avoid accepting any insurance settlement offers until you have spoken with an attorney.
- Contact an attorney about your case to determine if you have a personal injury claim against another party in the accident.

Call Chiariello & Chiariello at **888-692-1540** for a free initial consultation about your case. We represent clients in personal injury cases throughout New York City and Long Island.

Disclaimer: This tool kit is not, nor is it intended to be, legal advice. You should consult an attorney for advice regarding your individual situation. We invite you to contact us and welcome your calls, letters and electronic mail. Contacting us does not create an attorney-client relationship. Please do not send any confidential information to us until an attorney-client relationship has been established.

Gather Information Immediately After the Accident

If you have a cellphone or camera, take pictures of the damage and any injuries. Also, gather the following information as soon as possible after a car accident:

Date of accident: _____

Time accident occurred: _____

Where did the accident occur?

How many cars were involved? _____

For each vehicle involved in the accident, collect the following information (if more than one vehicle, extra forms are available at the end of this tool kit):

Driver name: _____

Driver phone number: _____

Passenger names and phone numbers:

Insurance information for the vehicle:

Provider: _____

Policy number/phone number: _____

Name of insured (and any assigned drivers):

Vehicle make/model/year: _____

License plate number: _____

Additional Information From the Scene

Describe the damage to your vehicle:

Names and phone numbers of other witnesses:

Names and badge numbers of law enforcement at the scene, if applicable:

Names of any paramedics who treated you and other individuals at the scene, if applicable:

What Happened in the Accident?

Describe the accident as thoroughly as possible:

Did you notice anything unusual about another driver's behavior before, during or after the accident?
For example, was the other driver intoxicated, using drugs or distracted by a cellphone?

Information Regarding Your Injuries

What are your injuries?

Name of hospital or facility where you were treated, if applicable:

Names of doctors and other medical staff:

If treated for injuries, what treatment did you receive?

Have your injuries prevented you from returning to work? If so, for how long?

After the Accident

After the accident, it may be beneficial to keep a log or diary as you recover and go through the process of recovering compensation for your injuries. This can help you keep a clear record of your health and treatment. It can also be a good place to record conversations you have with insurance companies, doctors and attorneys.

Furthermore, you will want one place to gather bills, police reports and other information you receive that is related to the accident. This can ensure that everything is at hand when you speak with an attorney about your case.

Contact a lawyer for additional guidance

If you have questions or are unsure whether you have a personal injury case, contact Chiariello & Chiariello. Call **888-692-1540** for a free case evaluation.

Extra Forms for Accidents Involving Multiple Cars

If your accident involved several cars, you will want to collect information for all vehicles, drivers and passengers involved in the accident.

Vehicle No. 2

For each vehicle involved in the accident, collect the following information:

Driver name: _____

Driver phone number: _____

Passenger names and phone numbers:

Insurance information for the vehicle

Provider: _____

Policy number: _____

Name of insured and any assigned drivers:

Vehicle make/model/year: _____

License plate number: _____

Vehicle No. 3

For each vehicle involved in the accident, collect the following information:

Driver name: _____

Driver phone number: _____

Passenger names and phone numbers:

Insurance information for the vehicle

Provider: _____

Policy number: _____

Name of insured and any assigned drivers:

Vehicle make/model/year: _____

License plate number: _____

Vehicle No. 4

For each vehicle involved in the accident, collect the following information:

Driver name: _____

Driver phone number: _____

Passenger names and phone numbers:

Insurance information for the vehicle

Provider: _____

Policy number: _____

Name of insured and any assigned drivers:

Vehicle make/model/year: _____

License plate number: _____