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Auto Accidents – What To Do...

Thousands of people are involved in traffic accidents every day of the year – Especially on big holiday weekends. If you are involved in an accident, will you know what to do in the aftermath of a collision? If you are involved in a traffic collision, try to remain calm, and follow this advice.

Pre-Collision:

Create and Keep an Emergency Kit in Your Vehicle.

Drivers should always carry a cell phone for placing emergency calls or coordinating a tow or ride. Drivers should also consider creating an emergency kit in each car or truck they own containing:

- Pen and Pad of Paper
- Disposable Camera or Use Your Cell Phone
- A Contact List of Emergency Numbers
- Flashlight
- Flares, Cones, or Emergency Triangles
- First Aid Kit

Know What Your Insurance Covers.

The whole insurance process will be easier following your accident if you know the details of your coverage before an accident occurs. For example, don't wait until after an accident to find out that your policy doesn't automatically cover costs for towing or a replacement rental car.

Post-Collision:

Think Safety First.

Drivers involved in minor accidents with no serious injuries should move cars to the side of the road and out

of the way of oncoming traffic. Leaving cars parked in the middle of the road or busy intersection can result in additional accidents and injuries. If a car cannot be moved, drivers and passengers should remain in the cars with seatbelts fastened for everyone's safety until help arrives. In either case, make sure to turn on hazard lights and set out cones, flares or warning triangles if possible.

Exchange Information.

After the accident, exchange the following information: name, address, phone number, insurance company, policy number, driver license number and license plate number for the driver and the owner of each vehicle. If the driver's name is different from the name of the insured, establish what the relationship is and take down the name and address for each individual. Also make a written description of each car, including year, make, model and color — and the exact location of the collision and how it happened.

Photograph and Document the Accident.

Use your camera to document the damage to all the vehicles. Keep in mind that you want your photos to show the overall context of the accident so that you can make your case to a claims adjuster. If there were witnesses, try to get their contact information; they may be able to help you if the other drivers dispute your version of what happened.

File An Accident Report.

Although law enforcement officers in many locations may not respond to accidents unless there are injuries, drivers should file a state vehicle accident report, which is available at police stations and often on the Department of Motor Vehicles Web site as a downloadable file. A police report often helps insurance companies speed up the claims process.

Auto accidents happen. Chances are high, that at some point you will be involved in a minor accident. Don't panic and make safety your primary concern.

March Madness Tire Sale!!!

See coupon on Page 2 for details.

School Bus (con't)



What does it really mean? With a \$275 fine and 3-points, it means **STOP**. When in doubt, **STOP**.

The **ONLY** exception is on divided highways with medians separating the two sides of the roadway. Oncoming traffic is not required to stop – Only the traffic approaching from the rear of the bus is required to stop. If you become confused or are uncertain at any time...

STOP!

Passing a School Bus...

The rules from both sides of the road.

What exactly are the rules? Here is the actual code for the State of Maryland:

Maryland Transportation Code § 21-706. Overtaking and passing school vehicle.

(a) Driver to stop on meeting or overtaking stopped school vehicle - In general.- If a school vehicle has stopped on a roadway and is operating the alternately flashing red lights specified in § 22-228 of this article, the driver of any other vehicle meeting or overtaking the school vehicle shall stop at least 20 feet from the rear of the school vehicle, if approaching the school vehicle from its rear, or at least 20 feet from the front of the school vehicle, if approaching the school vehicle from its front.

(b) Same - When vehicles may proceed.- If a school vehicle has stopped on a roadway and is operating the alternately flashing red lights, the driver of any other vehicle meeting or overtaking the school vehicle may not proceed until the school vehicle resumes motion or the alternately flashing red lights are deactivated.

(c) Exceptions.- This section does not apply to the driver of a vehicle on a divided highway, if the school vehicle is on a different roadway.

FunFacts...

Actor Al Pacino has never been married.

The last Model T Ford was produced on May 26, 1927.

The cable cars of San Francisco are the only moving National Landmarks.

The hotdog was invented in 1874.

What do Billy Joel, Wayne Newton, and Cary Grant have in common?
(All high school drop outs...)



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