

10 STEPS TO FOLLOW AFTER AN ACCIDENT

1 Call 911.

If you're crying from pain, stunned, dazed, bleeding, or feeling hurt in any way, then yes, you want an ambulance to come. If the ambulance crew is recommending that you should go to the hospital, then you should go if possible.

3 Get together your driver's license, registration, and insurance card.

Take a picture of the other driver's license, registration, and insurance card. Remember that you cannot control the other driver. If they are irate, just stay in your car and wait for the police to come. If they are not willing to wait for the police, take your photos and provide that information to the police when they arrive. If they are hurt, see if they need an ambulance too, and then give them their space.

4 If you are able to get out of the car, take photos of the property damage and the positions of the vehicles on the roadway.

6 If there are any witnesses, try to get their name, phone and email address for later reference.

7 Call your auto insurance to report the accident.

8 If your vehicle has to be towed, let your auto insurance know.

Get appropriate and timely medical care. Don't sit back and say to yourself, "Nothing's bleeding so I don't need the hospital/doctor." If you have pain now, it's going to be even worse later. If you have no pain now, it could very well be adrenaline is high and you'll feel worse later. Just don't take risks with your health. Use your health insurance and go!

10 Only after all of these steps, then CALL A LAWYER. At Jennifer Porter Law, we will talk to you for free and help you understand your rights, protect you from being taken advantage of by the insurance company, and guide you through the claims process.