







When you are injured in any type of accident such as a <u>vehicle crash</u> or a <u>fall</u>, or in a <u>personal injury</u>, you are in pain and undoubtedly anxious.

Despite being harmed and stressed, it's important to take the following steps - and quickly - to protect your health and preserve your legal interests:

- 1. Remain at the accident scene as long as it is safe to do so. Call 911 for help.
- 2. If you refuse emergency medical treatment at the scene, make sure you visit your doctor or an emergency room as soon as possible as some symptoms don't appear right away.
- 3. Document the accident by taking photos of your car, other involved vehicles, your injuries and the accident scene. Get names, contact information, vehicle and insurance data of other drivers and vehicles. Obtain witness information. For a <u>slip</u> and <u>fall accident</u>, complete the appropriate facility accident report.
- 4. At the accident scene, only speak to the police about the crash. Don't apologize as this may indicate fault. Don't talk to the at-fault driver's investigator or insurance company before consulting with an <u>experienced attorney</u>.
- 5. Report the accident to your insurance company as soon as possible.
- 6. Don't post updates or photos in your social media pages. These can be discovered and used against you in any claim you may make.
- 7. For medical care related to the accident, select a doctor who specializes in treating accident victims. In order to show that you are making an effort to recover from your injuries, follow through on all prescribed treatments including physical therapy and medication.
- 8. Obtain a copy of the Collision Report. Get a copy of the facility owner's incident report for a slip and fall accident.
- 9. Consult with an <u>attorney experienced in South Carolina accidents</u> immediately. Our firm has extensive experience in all types of vehicle crashes and other personal injuries and will get you the compensation you deserve for economic losses and pain and suffering. We will begin preserving evidence and gathering data right away.
- 10. Don't accept a settlement until you discuss your case with us! Remember, the insurance company adjuster is not on your side.

Print this email and keep it in your glove compartment. We hope you'll never need it, but if you are in an accident, you'll be glad to have it.