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# **Car Accident Guide for Teen Drivers**

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No one can fault teens for panicking after an auto accident. After all, young adults are still trying to figure out how the world works.

If you are a teenage driver or the parent of a teenage driver, print out this Car Crash Checklist and resource guide for easy access on-the-road.

# 1 Remain Calm

Remaining calm is easier said than done, especially for a teenage driver who may be overwhelmed by the emotional impact of the accident.

Try to keep a clear head, and do NOT admit fault to the other driver or anyone on-site.

# 2 Is Anybody Injured?

**After a car crash, nothing matters more than your health and safety!**

Time is of the essence.

If you or someone else has an injury, dial 911 right away and request an ambulance.

# 3 Contact the Police ... and Your Parents

Some teenage drivers may be hesitant to reach out to the police following an auto accident whether because of a fear of repercussions, because alcohol or drugs may be involved, or simply because of a challenging past experience with a police officer.

By calling the police, however, the crash will be investigated and documented. Be sure to write down the police officer's name, badge number, and an incident number so that the report can be obtained at a later date if necessary.

Though it will be embarrassing to contact your parents following an auto accident, it is best to let them know sooner rather than later. Keep in mind that they are going to find out eventually, so you might as well make the call.

Encourage a parent or guardian to drive to the accident scene to lend assistance.

# 4 Collect Information

Use your smartphone or pen and paper to document information about the accident.

Take a picture of the crash scene and the vehicles involved including license plates.

Either photograph or write down the other driver's full name, phone number, and auto insurance information.

If anyone witnessed the accident, make sure to obtain their contact information as well. Witness statements can make all the difference when there is a dispute over who is at fault for a crash.

Do not automatically assume the police officer on the scene will obtain information about witnesses.

Police officers have enough on their mind dealing with the other details of the crash including requesting emergency medical providers, removing vehicles and debris from the scene, directing traffic, all in addition to trying to do a thorough investigation.

## **5** **Should I Move My Vehicle?**

As a general rule it is best to wait for the police to arrive and determine when and where vehicles should be moved. When in doubt, wait for the police or some other authority figure to make the decision on when and where to move your vehicle.

If the accident is minor and the police are delayed or will not arrive within a reasonable time, it may be a good idea for the vehicles to be moved to safety.

Before doing so, try to document the crash scene and resting place of the vehicles as best you can by taking photos of the scene. A safe place to move your vehicle could be the shoulder of the road, a side street, a parking lot, or other area with minimal traffic.

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## Hire an Attorney

Once you and all your passengers are safe and the road has been cleared, you should think about hiring an experienced car accident and personal injury attorney to help you through the rest of the process.

You'll be facing a team of lawyers from the insurance company who will be evaluating your injury claim, so it's important to have your own attorney who will be fighting for you every step of the way.

Your attorney will know how to deal with insurance and healthcare logistics to ensure you receive the compensation you deserve.

# Essential Resources Following an Auto Accident in Baton Rouge

In particular, the assistance of a towing company will prove essential. Tap into these resources in the aftermath of your car crash:

## Top 3 towing companies

### Guy's Towing Services

275 Albert Hart  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
Phone: (225) 424-8635

### No limit Towing

469 Live Oak Blvd  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
Phone: (225) 238-1116

### Hayes Towing & Recovery 24/7

6625 Village St  
Baton Rouge, LA 70807  
Phone: (225) 610-8525

## Top 3 Auto body shops

### Medines Collision Center

5275 Kincaid Ave  
Baton Rouge, LA 70805  
Phone: (225) 357-7983

### Collision Solutions

1334 Florida Blvd  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
Phone: (225) 356-4922

## Precision Auto Body Specialists

9121 Amber Dr  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
Phone: (225) 751-6602

## Top 3 Urgent Cares

### Patient Plus Urgent Care

4460 Perkins Rd  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
Phone: (225) 831-1241  
Appointments: [solvhealth.com](http://solvhealth.com)

### Baton Rouge Clinic Urgent Care Center

7479 Perkins Rd  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
Phone: (225) 246-9997

### LSU Health Baton Rouge MidCity Clinic Urgent Care

Located in: LSU Health Baton Rouge MidCity Clinic and Pharmacy  
1401 N Foster Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
Phone: (225) 358-4853  
Appointments: [ololrmc.com](http://ololrmc.com)



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