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# What to Do After a Car Accident

A practical New Jersey driver checklist - from the first few minutes at the scene to arranging a professional collision repair.

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## 1 Make safety the first priority

- ☐ Stop in a safe location if you can do so safely. Turn on your hazard lights.
- ☐ Check for injuries. Call 911 for injuries, immediate danger, or an unsafe scene.
- ☐ Do not drive a vehicle that appears unsafe, leaks fluids, or has damaged steering, tires, or lights.
- ☐ If safe, move out of active traffic and follow police instructions.

## 2 Document the scene

- ☐ Photograph the full scene, all involved vehicles, license plates, road signs, and visible damage - only if safe.
- ☐ Exchange names, contact details, driver and vehicle information, and insurance information.
- ☐ Record the location, time, weather, witness details, and responding officer or report number.
- ☐ Describe what you observed factually. Do not speculate about fault.

## 3 Notify the right people

- ☐ Follow police reporting instructions. In New Jersey, reporting obligations may apply even after a minor-looking collision.
- ☐ Notify your insurance company promptly, following your policy requirements.
- ☐ Ask how to obtain the police report and whether the insurer needs an inspection before repairs.

## 4 Plan your vehicle repair

- ☐ Ask about towing if the vehicle should not be driven.
- ☐ Choose a properly licensed repair facility; ask about the repair process and written estimate.
- ☐ Keep copies of correspondence, photos, claim details, estimates, and receipts.

### NEW JERSEY REPORTING REMINDER

The NJ MVC Driver Manual states that when property damage exceeds \$500 or there is personal injury, a written MVC report is required within 10 days if police have not filed a report. Police notification and other reporting rules may also apply. Follow current police and MVC instructions.

## Want help with collision repair?

Contact E&A; Supreme Auto Body in Linden, NJ. Photos can help us understand your inquiry, but a physical inspection may be needed. Written estimates may involve a disclosed fee; a website inquiry is not repair authorization.

Sources: NJ MVC Driver Manual (Reporting Crashes): <https://nj.gov/mvc/pdf/license/drivermanual.pdf> ; NJ DOBI, Filing an Auto Damage Claim: <https://www.nj.gov/dobi/wysk1.htm>

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