

You've been in an accident: What to do and what not to do

At the Scene – What to Do

Call the police to report the collision

Take photos with your phone of the damage to all vehicles involved in the collision

Take a photo of the license plate of the at-fault vehicle

Photograph both the front and back sides of the other driver's insurance card

Call your own insurance company *from the scene* and report the collision

Write down the name, address, phone number and email addresses of the other driver *and any eyewitnesses*

If your car is going to be towed and/or you're going to be taken to the hospital remove all valuables from your vehicle

If you are not seriously injured and are able to, make sure you tell the investigating officer *exactly* what happened in as much detail as you can provide while your memory is fresh

If there are any security cameras located at near-by businesses, take note of where they are and who they belong to. The cameras you typically see at intersections are *typically not recording*. They are a live feed back to traffic control centers

If your car is being towed make sure you know the address of where it is being towed

Finally and most importantly – call Jensen Law for help:

(404) 842-9380

At the Scene - What Not to Do

Do not give the other driver's insurance company a recorded statement

Don't tell *anyone* that you are not injured

It is ok to tell the officer at the scene that you are not in pain, but only if that is truly the case. More often than not, pain will not begin until the adrenaline rush from the collision has worn off which can be later in the same day or even the following day

Always call the Police! Do not just exchange information with the other driver, no matter how much they pressure you