

# CASEY, DEVOTI & BROCKLAND

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## Car Crash Check List



### STEP 1: CHECK FOR INJURIES.

Call 911 immediately. Even if you don't think you are injured, get an evaluation by a medical professional.

### STEP 2: GET TO SAFETY.

If your car is causing a hazard, pull it to the side of the road. Otherwise, leave it where it is and get yourself to safety.

### STEP 3: CALL POLICE.

No matter how serious the accident, always call the police. Responding officers will fill out an accident report and document the scene. If the police can't come to the scene, go to the nearest police station and complete a report yourself.

### STEP 4: JUST THE FACTS.

When talking with anyone about the accident, share only the facts. Do not speculate on how the crash happened or who may be at fault. Do not admit fault to the other driver, passengers, police or any insurance representatives.

### STEP 5: EXCHANGE INFORMATION.

Exchange information with the other driver.

- Full name and contact information
- Insurance company and policy number
- Driver's license, license plate number and VIN
- Type, color, make and model of vehicles

### STEP 6: DOCUMENT THE SCENE.

Be a reporter and get the facts – who, what, why, when, where & how.

- **Document location.** Get an address, GPS coordinates or the nearest intersection.
- **Identify officers.** Obtain the name and badge number of all responding officers.
- **Request police report.** Ask the police officers present where you can obtain a copy of the accident report.
- **Take pictures.** Take pictures of all vehicles from different angles, showing all damage and the license plates.
- **Take down names.** Get names and contact information for all parties involved, including passengers in both vehicles.
- **Talk to witnesses.** If there were any witnesses to the accident, get their names and contact information.

### STEP 7: NOTIFY YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY.

Do notify your insurance company right away. Do not accept a quick settlement offer from your insurance company or the other drivers insurance company. Do not make any statements to the other drivers' insurance company.

### STEP 8: KEEP A TIGHT LIP.

Do not discuss the details of the accident with anyone. Do not make any statements about the accident to the other driver or their insurance representatives. Keep accident details off your social media pages.

### STEP 9: SEEK LEGAL ADVICE.

Even a minor fender-bender can get complicated if the accident involves multiple vehicles, injuries or varying degrees of fault. A seasoned personal injury attorney can review the circumstances of your crash and help determine the best course of action.