IMPORTANT REMINDERS IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT

1. STOP!

Failure to stop and remain at the scene of an accident can result in serious criminal consequences.

2. RENDER AID

A. Render first aid if qualified.
B. Stop any bleeding.
C. Call a doctor, an ambulance, or both.
D. DO NOT move an injured person in any way that could possibly add to his or her injuries.

3. PROTECT THE ACCIDENT SCENE FROM FURTHER DAMAGE

You may be liable for damages to approaching drivers, unless they are properly warned. If the highway is obstructed at night, illuminate the accident scene if possible.

4. CALL 911 AND ADVISE IF SOMEONE HAS BEEN INJURED

Police officers, Highway Patrol officers, Sheriffs and deputies are trained investigators whose testimony may be invaluable in establishing your civil claim for damages.

5. GATHER INFORMATION AND WRITE IT DOWN

Don't trust your memory. Don't guess. Be specific. Take photos of the damage to your vehicle and visible injuries to yourself and passengers of your vehicle.
A. Measure skid marks.
B. Step off distances.
C. Obtain the names, addresses and phone numbers of witnesses. Drivers are required by law to show their driver's license to each other.
D. Ask the other driver for his or her insurance information.

6. BE CAREFUL AS TO WHAT YOU SAY TO SOMEONE

Even if you feel you might be at fault, it is best to make no statements to anyone about who caused the accident. You should certainly cooperate with the police and answer questions about what occurred. You may learn later that the other driver was equally at fault, or perhaps more so.

7. SEE YOUR DOCTOR

Serious injuries do not always result in immediate pain or disablement. If there is the slightest chance that you may be injured, see a doctor.

8. CONSULT A LAWYER IMMEDIATELY

The sooner a lawyer is brought into the matter, the better he or she can advise you and protect your rights. Your lawyer can obtain statements from the witnesses while their memories are still fresh and do many other things to insure that the true facts are preserved.

9. INFORM YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY PROMPTLY

Failure to do so may void your policy. As a condition of driving, every owner and/or operator is required to furnish information to a law enforcement officer or to another person involved in an accident.

10. COMPLETE THE FORM IN THIS PAMPHLET IMMEDIATELY

Do this while at the scene of the accident, if possible.

Date: _____

Accident location: _____

Condition of street: _____

Visibility: _____

Driver: _____

OCCUPANTS OF YOUR CAR

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

_____
_____
_____

CONTINUE ON OTHER SIDE IF NECESSARY

Investigating officer: _____

Badge number: _____

Witness name/address: _____
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Witness name/address: _____
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Witness name/address: _____
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Other vehicle's plate # _____

Other driver: _____

License # _____

Address: _____
_____

Damage to other car: _____

Owner of other car: _____

Insurance carrier: _____

Policy # _____

Name of insured: _____