



COMMUNITY ALERT



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WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET INVOLVED IN A CRASH



1. **STOP.**
2. **Determine whether anyone is injured and call 9-1-1 for an ambulance.**
3. **Contact the other driver. If you think the other driver is intoxicated or under the influence of a drug, Call 9-1-1.**
4. **Exchange Information - Use your cellphone to take a picture of the driver's license, registration, and insurance information. Try to get the other driver's telephone number so that the insurance company can contact them (this is not legally required but convenient). If there are no injuries, a report will not be completed by the LAPD.**
5. **Take Pictures. Use your cellphone and take pictures of the other driver, the rear-end of their vehicle (license plate/make/model), the damage to the other vehicle and the location of the crash.**
6. **Located and document the names and telephone numbers of any witnesses.**
7. **Hit & Run - If the other party doesn't stop, Call 9-1-1. DO NOT chase a driver that flees. When possible, take photographs of the driver, the car and call 911. Your vehicle can be replaced, you cannot!**
8. **Unlicensed Drivers or Uncooperative Drivers – Call 9-1-1**
9. **If it is safe to do so and the vehicles can move, pull off over to the side of the roadway to avoid blocking traffic.**
10. **Do not allow tow trucks that 'conveniently' arrive at your crash. Most are 'Bandit' tow trucks that operate illegally and will try to convince you to allow them to take your car to their repair shops.**
11. **Towing – If you cannot drive your car, arrange for your own tow. Call your insurance company or American Automobile Association (AAA). When you purchase a car, many manufacturers and dealers include free towing service.**
12. **If you crashed into a stationary object or parked vehicle, provide your information with the owner of the property/vehicle. When you can't locate the owner, leave your information on a piece of paper on the windshield of the vehicle struck or in the mail box for the property you damaged. No report will be completed by the LAPD for this type of collision.**
13. **If you need to file a traffic crash report, then scan the QR code here:**



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